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NOTED SCIENTIST CLAIMED BY DEATH

Lord Kelvin Passes Away After Brave Struggle With Illness

HIS REMARKABLE CAREER

Ranks With Faraday and Newton in Scientific Discovery

Glasgow, Dec. 17.—Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died today.

Lord Kelvin, whose wife only recently recovered from a dangerous illness, suffered from a chill a fortnight ago. On Wednesday last serious complications developed, but with an occasional rally. Hope for his recovery was then abandoned. He lost consciousness this afternoon, and peacefully passed away. Until the time of his fatal sickness, Lord Kelvin preserved remarkable vigor of body and mind. He leaves no heir, and his line becomes extinct. His first wife, married in 1852, was Margaret, daughter of Walter Crum, of Thornhill. She died in 1871. In 1874 he married Frances, daughter of Charles R. Blandy, of Madeira. The newspapers pay him the highest tribute as the foremost scientist of the age, comparable with Newton and Faraday.

William Thomson, first Lord Kelvin, was born at Belfast, Ireland, June 26, 1824. He was a celebrated mathematician and physicist, and occupied the chair of natural philosophy in Glasgow university from 1846 to 1890. He was knighted in 1866, and was created Baron Kelvin in 1892. In the domains of electricity and magnetism he was one of the greatest investigators of the century. He took a prominent part in the laying of the first submarine cable in the Atlantic. Lord Kelvin was decorated many times, being a grand officer of the Legion of Honor of France, a member of the Prussian order, Pour le Merite, and a commander of the Order of King Leopold of Belgium. He received honors also from other governments.

In 1902 Lord Kelvin, accompanied by Lady Kelvin, made a visit to America. At that time he was deeply interested in wireless telegraphy and aerodynamics. Of the former he said: "Wireless telegraphy is one of the world's most remarkable inventions. I believe most sincerely that the day will come when it will prove of great commercial value."

Regarding the future of airships, he is not so sanguine, saying: "We never will be able to use dirigible balloons as a means of conveying passengers from place to place. There never was nor never can be any such thing."

Colorado Bank Closes

Durango, Dec. 17.—The Smelter City bank of Durango, a state institution with a capital of \$30,000, failed to open this morning. No statement of its assets or liabilities has been given out, but its deposits are believed not to exceed \$100,000.

British Patrol Objected To

Canton, China, Dec. 17.—At a Chinese mass meeting held here today the high-handed overhauling of suspected launches and junks on the West river by British warships was denounced. Great Britain is patrolling the West river with a fleet of about ten gunboats in an effort to put a stop to piracy. The meeting further passed a resolution to declare a boycott upon the British manufacturers and to inaugurate a strike among the Chinese in the employ of Englishmen if the British flotilla is not withdrawn from the river.

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B. C. TIMBER DEAL

Union Trust Company Sues G. W. Fowler, M. P., and Others, for Sum of \$55,000

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—The B. C. Timber and Mills deal which figured so prominently before the royal commission on insurance, came into the courts again today. The Union Trust Company notified W. Fowler, M. P., and others directly interested in the deal, that the company was about to institute proceedings to recover \$55,000 that had been received by defendants for the use of plaintiffs, and the interest thereon, and for accounting in alternative for damages for the same amount for conspiracy to defraud.

At the royal insurance commission inquiry it was stated that Peter Ryan sold to G. W. Fowler for \$170,000 timber and other property included in the transaction. When the transfer of property was being arranged for, it was said that G. W. Fowler asked that the amount be made \$225,000 as the bona fide price paid for the property, which was being secured for the Union Trust.

It appeared to the Trust Company from the evidence given before the royal commission, that the company had to pay \$55,000 more than the property actually cost, and this amount it now seeks to recover from Mr. Fowler and his associates.

Express Rates Inquiry.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—After concluding the consideration of general express rates, the railway commission has adjourned until after the New Year, when special rates will be discussed. These companies had argued that the commission had a right to go into general rates only, and had contemplated sending a test case to the supreme court for judgment, but counsel finally decided against this course as being premature. The commission will, therefore, sit again in Montreal probably in the early part of February.

FAREWELL BANQUET TO HON. R. LEMIEUX

Minister Given Assurance on Immigration, But Not in Writing

Tokio, Dec. 17.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Canadian Minister of Labor, was tendered a farewell banquet last night, which was attended by 200 leading citizens and officials, including Sir Claude Macdonald, the British ambassador. Foreign Minister Hayashi was not present.

Minister Lemieux proposed the health of the Emperor of Japan, and Baron Kanaka, of the Imperial household, proposed a toast to the King of England. No speeches were made.

Minister Lemieux will receive the assurance that Japan will limit immigration to British Columbia, but will not change the treaty. A memorandum to be given him includes the programme for the future, but is not intended as a formal note. He has been informed by the Japanese Foreign Office that Canada will get exactly the same concessions as already have been granted to the United States through Ambassador O'Brien. He asked for a written understanding, but this was positively declined.

WHEAT MARKETING

Winnipeg Operator Inclined to the Opinion That Interior Stocks Are Light

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The Winnipeg market has been strong, even on its various setbacks, compared with other markets. The stocks in interior elevators are not so light as usual. In fact a number of elevators have been closed for several weeks, and those houses are not full; indeed some houses closed have only 8,000 or 10,000 bushels of wheat in a capacity of 33,000 bushels. Country receipts are falling off, and though this may be temporary, there is a growing feeling that there is not so much wheat in farmers' hands as was at first supposed, and that a very considerable percentage of the milling wheat has already been marketed. All of these things tend to higher prices for the remainder of our crop, and though the advance may not come with a rush, and there may still be setbacks, the situation cannot but be regarded as very strong. Stocks in terminals at the lake front are about three and a quarter millions, and of this more than one-half is No. 6 and lower. Of the receipts at country elevators, there is a constantly increasing percentage of lower grade stuff.

Alberta University

Edmonton, Dec. 17.—An order in council issued by the Alberta government fixes the date of meeting of the first convocation of Alberta university on March 28, 1908.

Mrs. Fetterman Sentenced

MacLeod, Alta., Dec. 17.—In the case of Fetterman vs. the King, in the supreme court here, Judge Scott sentenced Mrs. Fetterman to three years in the penitentiary today for shooting her husband with intent to kill.

Shot for a Moose

Neepawa, Man., Dec. 17.—Charles Bugg, who was shot while hunting in the Riding mountains, was brought to Neepawa hospital yesterday in a serious condition. He was shot twice by a member of another hunting party who mistook him for a moose. His arm is shattered and another wound is in the shoulder.

Moorish Sultan's Jewels.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Experts having made a report as to the value of the jewels belonging to Abdul Aziz, the sultan of Morocco, which agents brought here for the purpose of raising a loan, the officials of the Mont de Piété have paid over \$250,000 to the sultan's representatives.

ALARM CAUSED IN GOLDFIELD

Wires of the Power Company Break and Mills Closed Down

COMMUNICATION CUT OFF

Gen. Funston Cancels Order for Berths and Stays in the City

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 17.—Goldfield is greatly alarmed tonight over the fact that the feed wires of the Nevada & California Power Company are down, and that the company has been unable to find the break or determine the cause of it. The break occurred at 5 o'clock this evening. Gen. Funston has cancelled his order for berths for himself and staff on the train, and he will remain in Goldfield indefinitely. The mills are dark, and armed guards are patrolling the grounds around the principal shafts and mines. As near as can be learned, the break in the wires is near Palmtoot, a mining camp, about twenty-one miles southwest of Goldfield. A telephone line extends the entire length of the power line, and this also is down, so that communication with the men controlling the power line is impossible.

An effort was made to induce General Funston to patrol the city and vicinity of the mines with troops tonight, but he has not yet issued such orders.

Railway Dividends

New York, Dec. 17.—The directors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company today declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent, and an extra dividend of 2 per cent. This compares with a dividend of 6 per cent, for the last previous six months. The directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, and an extra dividend of 2 per cent. The extra dividend in this case is also in excess of that declared for the previous six months. A dividend of 1 per cent, was declared on the Western Railway Company, payable in January. It has been the custom heretofore to pay 2 per cent in January, and 1 per cent in July, making 3 per cent per annum. By the action of the directors of the Lake Erie today the dividend on the stock of the company was reduced.

OBSTACLES IN WAY OF CANADIAN FLOUR

Commissioner Preston's Report on Conditions in Japanese Market

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—In a report to the Trade and Commerce department, Canadian Trade Commissioner Preston in the Orient says the wheat and flour imports of Japan have increased more than eight hundred per cent in ten years, and the trade is only in its infancy. But the difficulties which have to be overcome before Canadian wheat and flour can attain general favor in this market are very serious, and will never be overcome without a special effort on the part of those interested in pushing the trade. It is easy to prove that the products of Canadian wheat are the best in the world, and that the course of time they are certain to find a market in Japan, but Mr. Preston says the probabilities are that the present generation will long have passed away before the Canadian cereal trade with Japan will increase to any significant extent, considering the possibilities, unless very special efforts are exerted to secure a more general appreciation of the superior quality of the Canadian product by the mass of the population of the East. At present the Orient is flooded with a quality of flour for cooking purposes that would probably not find sale in any other part of the world, but the Japanese are under the impression that all wheat are the same, and that "flour" is flour. Until this misconception disappears, the Canadian article will not attain favour in the markets of the east.

Public Accounts Committee.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The public accounts met this morning and passed resolutions calling for the production of papers regarding deals in certain timber lands and dredging.

Victims of Coal Gas

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Coal gas caused the death of Mrs. Littlewood at Lachine. It was at first thought strychnine tablets were the cause. Her husband was taken to the hospital unconscious but may recover.

Sir Frederick Borden's Suit

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sir Frederick Borden will not withdraw his suit for damages against the Nineteenth Century, of London, Eng., for libel in connection with the story published from the Calgary Eye Opener, despite the apology of the editor.

Polish Schools Closed.

Warsaw, Russia, Dec. 17.—Sixteen hundred Polish schools in all parts of Poland have been closed in consequence of an order issued by General Salek, superintendent of the Polish School association. The funds in the hands of the association, amounting to \$150,000, have been sent abroad to avoid confiscation.

ALL-RED PROJECT

Yorkshire Post Comes Forward With Statement Regarding Canada's Position

Montreal, Dec. 17.—A special cable says inquiries in authoritative quarters fail to confirm the somewhat sensational statement of the Yorkshire Post today that circumstances have suddenly arisen at Ottawa which led Mr. Fielding to decide it to be impossible to find a Canadian subsidy of \$2,500,000 for the "All-Red" project. The Post says Mr. Sifton will return to England but without any guarantee of a Canadian subsidy. Those consulted suggest that this is mere journalistic imagining. "Unfriendly people," remarked one authority, "say these things with no knowledge of the facts. There is nothing to warrant such assertions, though, of course, it is obvious that every big scheme of this nature has to surmount great difficulties."

MANITOBA CROPS

Particulars of Yield for Past Season Given in Agricultural Department's Report

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The annual report of the department of agriculture shows the total grain crop for the province was 99,102,679 bushels. The total wheat yield was 30,688,266 bushels, with an average of 14.22 per acre; oats, 42,233,119 bushels, with an average of 34.08 per acre; barley, 16,752,724 bushels, with an average of 25.7 per acre; potatoes, 5,092,161 bushels, with an average of 157.2 per acre; roots, 2,514,291 bushels, with an average of 263.6 per acre. The total area under grain crop was 4,707,483 acres, and the total area under all crops was 4,834,817 acres. The averages of grasses was: Bromo, 1.03 tons per acre; rye, 1.41 per acre, and timothy, 1.3. The value of new farm buildings erected was 1,733,825, as compared with \$4,515,085 last year.

CAPITAL AND LABOR RELATIONS DEBATED

Canadian Law Cited at Federation Meeting—Mr. Gompers' Opinions

New York, Dec. 17.—Seth P. Low was elected president at the closing session today of the National City Federation, succeeding August Belmont, who was obliged to resign owing to the press of private business. The diversified interests represented clashed in sharp but good-natured debate today.

S. L. Landers, of the United Garment Workers' Union of Canada, said the Canadian law practically prohibiting strikes and lockouts was the best measure ever enacted in the interests of capital and labor. When Mr. Gompers asked what would prevent a firm closing down on the pretext of necessity, Mr. Landers replied: "A tree must be planted before it can be pruned and watered."

Hugh Luskier, a former member of the New Zealand parliament, told how New Zealand had prospered under compulsory arbitration, but admitted to Mr. Gompers that the plan might be less successful under the conditions existing in the United States.

"No matter what may be done in any other country," said Mr. Gompers, "we will prevent a law that in practice means confinement on the one hand and imprisonment as a penalty on the other."

Sunfiled Must Hang.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—The minister of justice has informed Sunfiled's lawyer that the murderer cannot have a new trial, and that he must be hanged on December 27.

King Leopold's Leg Burned.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—It is rumored here that King Leopold received a severe burn on the leg while undergoing a heat bath treatment in Paris recently. The king's private physician has been summoned to that city.

Germany's Cause Celebrate

Berlin, Dec. 17.—A compromise in the Harau-Von Moltke case is under consideration. Yesterday the prosecution of M. Hardin editor of Die Zukunft, who brought a series of accusations against Count Kuno Von Moltke, was postponed owing to the illness of the defendant.

Candidates for Commons

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Capt. Harry Cameron, the well known lumberman, has definitely announced his candidature as a Liberal in Labelle county for the Commons. Welland Conservatives have nominated George Hanan, Niagara Falls, for the Commons.

Railways Protest.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Representatives of the Grand Trunk and C.P.R. have protested to the minister of railways against the principles embodied in W. E. Mcleod's bill in favor of two cents a mile on Canadian railways. They claimed that the proposal to penalize the railway companies at a time when they were not able to meet the demands of shippers for cars is unreasonable and unfair.

Gang of Thieves

Rainy River, Ont., Dec. 17.—Alfred Warner, the twelve-year-old boy who was sentenced by Police Magistrate Morton on Friday last to two years in the provincial reformatory for theft, was yesterday given two additional years by the police magistrate, several other thefts having been proven against him. Warner's uncle, Wm. Brindet, with whom he lived, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for stealing lumber from the Rat Portage Lumber company, and Mrs. Brindet was given one year for receiving the goods stolen by Warner. The Brindets were prosecuted by seven different firms in town, from whom, it is alleged, they stole goods aggregating in value nearly \$100.

GREAT TURMOIL AMONG PERSIANS

Parliamentary Party Insists on Shah Respecting the Constitution

RIVAL CAMPS IN CAPITAL

Britain and Russia to Take Joint Action to Prevent Disorder

Teheran, Dec. 17.—Speaking on behalf of the nation, the Persian parliament has issued a manifesto to the world. The present constitutional crisis is explained, and an appeal for assistance is made in the document. The manifesto, which was distributed to the foreign legations and consulates here this afternoon, says:

"When the affairs of the empire had fallen into a helpless state, the nation saw its only salvation in constitutional government. The late Shah granted a constitution, and the reigning Shah confirmed it, but persons who, under the despotic regime, were accustomed to oppress the people misled our young sovereign into the belief that the constitution was the cause of the present troubles. 'The nation does not wish to do anything that will disturb the peace, but in view of the attack of the reactionary members of the government it will defend the constitutions, its only hope, to the utmost. By means of this manifesto the Persian nation makes known to all legations and foreign governments its attitude towards the actual condition of affairs, and it informs them that the sovereign is violating his covenant with the people. It makes this announcement to all the nations of the world, convinced that they will show brotherly love to the ten million Persians and not allow their rights to be trodden under foot.'"

Like Civil War

The negotiations between the Shah and parliament have up to the present time been without result. Today the members of the old cabinet are holding a council in the palace. The postoffice and all shops in Teheran are closed, and no newspapers have been published today. The reactionaries have taken possession and are holding the squares and open places in the vicinity of the palace, while the constitutionalists, to the number of 10,000, have erected barricades extending for miles around the parliament buildings. The latter are acting solely on the defensive, and in an orderly manner. The rough elements are adding the reactionaries, and several murders and some looting have occurred.

Britain and Russia

London, Dec. 17.—The crisis in Persia had been receiving the attention of the British and Russian foreign offices for some time past, the official advices from Teheran having pointed out the seriousness of the situation. Immediate attention was demanded, and the two governments already have decided on joint action to settle the difficulties of the case. The Shah's parliament is trying in every way to cause trouble in the country. In this they hope to be given a free hand, and they rely upon the people to cause a revolution. It is for this reason that the foreign offices of both governments are acting with precaution. Should intervention to prevent an uprising become necessary it is alleged that the project would have to be carefully considered in order not to interfere with the interests of other powers, but to use the words of an official of the foreign office, "there will be no shirking of the responsibilities undertaken."

Accidentally Poisoned

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Arthur M. Lynch, a commercial traveler, died from an overdose of codine tablets, which had been prescribed by a local physician for acute bronchitis, from which he was suffering.

Advices Vaccination

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—As a precaution against the smallpox scourge which the provincial authorities fear will sweep over the province this year, Dr. Roberts, medical health officer, will advise that all children be vaccinated during the holidays.

Troublesome Foreigners

Bridgeburg, Ont., Dec. 17.—In resuming work at the shipyard here, it is announced that the management will as far as possible keep out the foreign element, as it was to them that most of the trouble with the men is said to have been due. Two hundred and fifty men will soon be at work.

Boxing Versus Fighting

Calgary, Dec. 17.—Whether or not a boxing contest is a prize fight is to be determined in this city on the nineteenth by a twenty-five round go between Billy Lauder, the Canadian lightweight, and Kid Howell of Minneapolis. Local followers of the sport contend that boxing is but an evolution of the old-time pillow fight, and two of the city pastors have been invited to attend, that they may see for themselves what a harmless and childlike play the many art is.

Sues Mayor and Aldermen

London, Ont., Dec. 17.—As a result of a city council meeting last night when it was decided to strike off the name of Frank Jones, for many years a deputy returning officer, Mayor Judd is being sued by Jones for \$10,000 for defamation of character, and seven aldermen for \$1,000 each. Jones was in the London west poll during the Hyman-Gray election, and the Conservatives insisted on his removal as a deputy returning officer in the municipal elections.

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JUDGMENT GIVEN IN BUCK STOVE CASE

Judge Gould, of District of Columbia Allows Temporary Injunction

Washington, Dec. 17.—Of far-reaching importance to labor and business interests throughout the country was a decision announced by Justice Gould, of the equity court of the district of Columbia, enjoining the American Federation of Labor, with its membership of 2,000,000 or more, from boycotting the Buck Stove and Range company, of St. Louis, and from printing the company's name as unfair in its official organ, and "We Don't Patronize" lists. The action arraigns the action of the Federation as an illegal conspiracy.

Tomorrow there will be an argument before Judge Gould over a proposition of counsel for the Federation that the court's order putting the injunction decision into effect limit in express terms its application to the District of Columbia. Counsel for the plaintiff company will oppose this.

The injunction granted today, while of a temporary character, was allowed in a decision in which Judge Gould exhaustively reviewed the case, made copious citations of authorities, quoted precedents as to boycott definitions, and said there was no room for argument as to the conspiracy alleged being in operation.

The permanent injunction will come up, probably next spring, and whichever side wins in the final settlement the case, it is believed, will be taken to the supreme court of the United States.

Justice Gould pointed out from the bench today that he had not in his decision taken up the question of inhibition of the boycott under the Sherman and Anti-Trust laws, or the Interstate Commerce act.

Attorney J. F. Ralston, of counsel for the Federation, said tonight that he had no opinion to express regarding the decision, that the injunction was a temporary one, and that as to the question of the Sherman or the Interstate Commerce act, which question had been raised in the proceedings, he regarded the decision as affecting that phase of the case a victory for the defense.

Former Assistant Attorney-General Beck, for the plaintiff, regarded the decision as a sweeping victory for the opponents of the boycott.

Two Killed in Wreck

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 17.—In a wreck at Angler, east of Schreiber yesterday afternoon William Small, fireman, of Schreiber, aged 30, was instantly killed. Philip McAllen, engineer, of Schreiber, aged 38, was seriously injured that he died in the hospital here.

JAPANESE EXPOSITION

California Willing to Exert Herself to Secure Its Complete Success

Washington, Dec. 17.—That California is willing and anxious to do everything in her power to make the projected international Japanese exposition a success was emphatically asserted at the State Department today to two of the representatives of that state in congress. Representatives Hayes and Kahn, called at the department and Secretary Root being absent, in attendance at the cabinet meeting, they assured Assistant Secretary Bacon that for Japan as a nation, Californians had the highest regard, their only objection being to the competition of cheap labor.

As a practical illustration of that good feeling, Representative Hayes stated that he had prepared a bill for introduction in the house appropriating \$250,000 to defray the cost of an American exhibit at the Japanese world's fair.

The experience of government agents who have been to Japan to take part in recent expositions having demonstrated the necessity for ample preparations, the California representatives have decided that the four years between this time and the projected date of the fair is not too long to insure the procurement, transportation to Japan and installation of an adequate American exhibit. Hence the introduction of the bill at this time.

LUMBER COMPANY PAYS

Sued by Dealer Who Was Refused Lumber Because He Was Out of "Combine"

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Before Judge Mathers today there was heard the case of Overend vs. the Rainy River Lumber Company. The plaintiff in this action is a lumber dealer, doing business at Ninett, Man., and he brought this action to recover the sum of \$500 damages against the defendant company for alleged breach of contract in not supplying him with three cars of lumber, having sent him only one out of the three, of which he had been booked by them, and had from time to time put him off with the excuse that the order could not be filled owing to the shortage of cars. Later on he received a letter from the agent of the defendant company at Winnipeg stating that he was not a member of the lumbermen's association, and they could not carry out their contract with him, as the members of the association would object and refuse to deal with them, and thus subject to a great loss. A verdict was entered in the plaintiff's favor for the sum of \$110, with court costs, the defendants to set off their King's bench costs of the action as against the verdict consented to.

New Railway Commissioner

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—It is stated positively here that David Pottinger, general manager of the Intercolonial, will be one of the two new railway commissioners when the board is enlarged to five.

Breaking Into Jail.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Andrew Purcell is locked up at police headquarters tonight on a charge of damaging property. His offence consists of breaking several windows in the doors leading into headquarters, which he did by removing one of his shoes and utilizing it as a missile. When arrested he was in the act of breaking the glass in the last door, and declared to the constables attracted by the crashing of glass that if he had not turned up quite as promptly, he would have broken his way into the cells. Purcell usually passes the winters in jail.

Chilean Sugar Tariff

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 17.—The Chilean congress has reduced the import tax on all kinds of sugar by 50 per cent.

Winnipeg Block Sold.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The Rialto block, Main street, was sold yesterday to an English syndicate for \$180,000, or at the rate of \$3,000 a foot, including the building. A. M. Fraser was the owner.

Veteran Doctor Dead

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—Dr. Wm. Baird, who for 70 years practiced medicine in this city, and who at the age of 94 continued in active practice, died at his home here tonight. He was born in Kentville, N. S., 94 years ago.

Sunday in New York.

New York, Dec. 17.—The board of aldermen today passed an ordinance which will permit Sunday theatrical exhibitions, with certain features common to week day shows eliminated. The ordinance now goes to Mayor McChesney, who is expected to sign it not later than Friday, making possible on next Sunday a resumption practically of the old order of things, which existed prior to Justice O'Gorman's supreme court interpretation of the Sunday closing law.

WINNIPEG ROBBERS KILLED TWO CHINESE

Evidence Shows That the Men Were Murdered and the House Set on Fire

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The evidence taken in the police court on the inquest of the bodies of Luke Wing and Lee Chow, who were found murdered in their places of business on Salter street, only served to confirm the suspicions that before the fire took place the men had been murdered and robbed.

Several witnesses gave testimony to seeing the fire, and the most important evidence was that given by Dr. Bell, Capt. J. Morris, of the fire brigade, Lieutenant Wallace of the fire brigade, and Constable Ward of the police force. No light was thrown on the case that would lead to the finding of the murderer. The inquest was adjourned until Monday evening, December 23.

Dr. Bell testified to performing an autopsy on the bodies of the deceased. The doctor stated that they both had been killed from blows by an instrument that appeared to be an axe. Lee Chow was cut on the face and above the ear. It was plain that the men had been killed before the fire started, as there was no trace of smoke in the lungs of either man. If they had been suffocated there would have been smoke in the lungs. Another sign that they had been killed before the fire was that the blood had clotted in their hair before the fire had reached them.

Big Jewelry Theft

New York, Dec. 17.—According to the police, a valuable package was stolen Saturday night from a wagon of the United States Express company. It was reported but not confirmed at detective headquarters tonight, that the stolen package contained diamonds valued at \$20,000, and was consigned by a Fifth Avenue jewelry firm to parties in Washington. It was also said that in shipment the jewels are given a nominal value in order to avoid the payment of a high rate of freight insurance. The robbery was confirmed late tonight. The diamonds, valued at something more than \$10,000, were consigned by the Alfred N. Smith Co., to a New York society woman who is stopping in Washington. The package was taken from the wagon somewhere between the express company's office in 30th street and Communipaw, N. J. The jewels included an emerald and diamond brooch valued at \$14,000, thirteen other brooches and a number of necklaces and rings. The driver of the wagon and his assistant told the police that they were unable to account for the package being taken from their wagon.

Unable to Meet Payments

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Mount Royal department store, owned by Vanier & Lesage, went into voluntary liquidation today. The assets are given at \$30,000, and the liabilities at \$50,000. The failure was caused by the inability to meet payments.

Declared for Taft

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—With but one member out of line when the final vote was taken, the Republican state committee in session here today adopted a resolution endorsing the candidature of Secretary of War W. H. Taft for the presidency.

Whittier Anniversary

Boston, Dec. 17.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet, was celebrated today in New England by thousands of people, notable gatherings being held at those places the poet had called his home.

C. P. R. to Make Fast Time.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—C. P. R. officials state that next year when the Toronto-Sudbury line is in operation they will run trains from Winnipeg to Toronto in forty hours. The following year, when the double tracking is completed, another hour will be knocked off of the rapidly diminishing time.

Regina Police Charges.

Regina, Dec. 17.—It has been decided to hold an investigation into police charges made by a local paper, and the police committee will meet this week to investigate. It is charged that a serious case of criminal assault was replaced by a charge of drunkenness. Chief Harwood, Sergeant Sample and Constable Gladway are summoned to the carpet before the police committee.

"Doped" Liquor.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—In conversation today Hon. C. H. Campbell, Attorney-General, stated that if the reports were true that liquor was "doped" at some of the hotel bars in Winnipeg, then such a condition of affairs was a matter for the Inland Revenue department of the Dominion government. It was the duty of the Inland Revenue department to see whether pure liquor was being served or otherwise. The matter of licenses came under the provincial government.

EMPEROR AND DUMA DIFFER ABOUT NAVY

Nicholas Determined on Great Naval Programme, Whatever the Cost

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The reconstruction of the Russian navy, which, up to the present, has been in abeyance owing to internal troubles, has suddenly emerged to the surface, and bids fair to develop a portentous conflict as between the wishes of the Emperor and the Duma.

Today the Duma committee of national defense, presided over by M. Guchkoff, the Octoberist leader, while discussing this year's naval estimates, sent a formal demand to Admiral Dikoff, the Minister of Marine, to submit to the Duma full particulars of the new shipbuilding programme, which has been worked out by the Admiralty. This programme entails an expenditure of \$500,000,000.

It can be stated on the best of authority that the shipbuilding programme has been made an elaborate one, though the personal participation of the Emperor, who is fully determined to make the restoration of the Russian scattered sea power the crowning achievement of his reign, regardless of cost.

All along it has been a patent fact that the naval officers are enjoying the highest favors of the Emperor. Naval games with mechanical toys have been a common amusement at court, the Empress taking a leading part in these. His brother monarch, the German Emperor, at every opportunity has encouraged Nicholas in his ambition.

The first check was met from the Council of Ministers, to whom the billion roubles programme tentatively was submitted. The council couched its disapproval on financial grounds, and succeeded in obtaining a postponement. The financial committee of the council of the Empire, when a fortnight ago it addressed a similar demand to the Minister of Marine as that made today, received the reply: "If this demand is persisted in both the Duma and the Council of the Empire will be dismissed."

MANITOBA AGRICULTURE

Great Gathering to Be Held in Winnipeg in February for Mutual Instruction

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Perhaps the most representative gathering of the farmers and agriculturists of Manitoba ever held in the history of the province will take place in Winnipeg next February. For the five days from the 17th to the 22nd, from 500 to 1,000 delegates, representing the combined agricultural societies, dairy associations and horticultural societies of the entire province will gather together to receive the latest ideas along the various lines of endeavor which they represent.

The convention will be open at 9 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 17th, at the agricultural college, and on the evening of that day a grand rally will be held in the auditorium of the main college building, at which Hon. R. P. Roblin, Minister of Agriculture, will deliver an address. Throughout the week a most instructive course of lectures will be given freely on objects pertaining to agriculture, and a social programme in the evening arranged that will provide entertainment long to be remembered.

It is expected that from three to five delegates will be present from each society.

The agricultural college will close on Friday evening next for the Christmas holidays, to reopen on Jan. 2.

Alberta Seed Train

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—George Harcourt, deputy minister for Alberta, states that he has completed arrangements with the C. P. R. to hold a special seed train for Alberta. This train will be in operation throughout the province during the whole winter, and the educational work it allows will comprise a series of lectures and demonstrations on seed grain at the various points along the lines. The experience of past years have proved the benefits of this method of disseminating agricultural knowledge, and it is expected that this special train will prove a great factor for good among the farming communities of Alberta.

Grand Trunk to Appeal

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Grand Trunk is to appeal from the decision of the Supreme court in the two cents a mile case, and will carry it to the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

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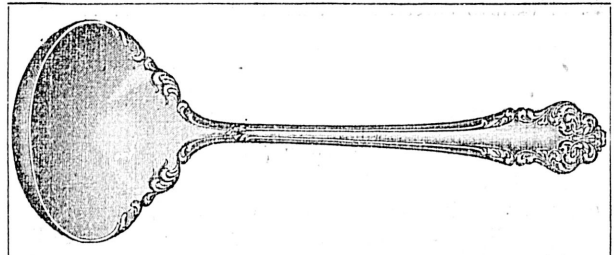
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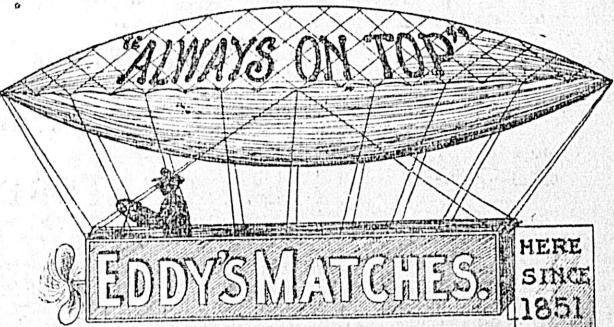
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LEGAL ARGUMENTS IN SETTLERS' RIGHTS CASE

E. V. Bodwell, K.C., and L. G. McPhillips Discuss Technical Points

The case of the E. & N. vs. Fiddick, one of the settlers' rights cases, now being heard by Chief Justice Hunter, would appear to have narrowed down to two points from a remark let fall by his lordship just before the court rose yesterday afternoon. He remarked that they were two points on which he entertained uncertainty, one of them the effect of the non-registration of the Fiddick grant under the Settlers' Rights act, and the other as to whether under that act only the land actually occupied could be granted. The second point was raised yesterday by Mr. Bodwell in his argument, who pointed out that all the preemption acts stated that a settler was entitled to 160 acres of land upon fulfilling the required conditions, while no amount of land to be granted settlers under the Settlers' Rights act was mentioned, the act merely saying the land occupied by the settler. In this case the evidence shows that Grandan only cleared and fenced about three acres of land, and Mr. Bodwell argued that at best he was only entitled to a grant to that amount of land.

The only witness called yesterday was Joseph Hunter, P. L. S., who produced a plan he had recently made of the lands in dispute and the improvements thereon. He said he had found the ruins of three cabins and a clearing very much overgrown, about two acres in extent. Only about fifteen per cent of the land was agricultural land, according to the government classification, the remainder being covered with patches of timber or rocks. The rock was sandstone and conglomerate, the usual formation in which coal was found.

Mr. Bodwell's Argument.

In opening his argument Mr. Bodwell said in part:

"This case involves a careful consideration of the Settlers' Rights act of 1904, and insofar as it has any operation it must be conceded that it acts by way of confiscation of our property. Such being the case, the act must necessarily receive careful scrutiny in order to see how far the legislature really meant to go in this direction. It cannot be read by itself, but only as one of several acts relating to the railway belt. I submit that the principle by which the court should be guided in interpreting this act is that the man intended to be protected right through the various acts is the agricultural settler, the man making his living off the land. I admit that where a man bona fide took up land for agricultural purposes, he is entitled to the benefit of such laws. But the act may exist on his land as an incident to his occupation. But to obtain these advantages by any other means than by an agricultural occupation is a fraud on the act. This idea is carried out through all this legislation." Mr. Bodwell went on to explain that the lands so conveyed by the Dominion were open for settlement for four years (with the timber and coal reserved) to agricultural settlers. Under this act Grandan applied for a preemption, but he could not have done so honestly, as the lands were shown not to have been agricultural lands. Hence it was a fair deduction that he was after the coal from the first, and to the coal he was not entitled except as incidental to a bona fide agricultural occupation. The Settlers' Rights act was only in furtherance of a general policy of protection to agricultural rights, and not a change of the entire policy of the law.

He submitted that the definition in the act must be taken to mean a man who not only lived on, but made his living off the land. To be a mere resident was not enough. This man was not a farmer, but a carpenter, and made his living at his trade. He did not even grow enough to supply his own food.

Chief Justice—A pre-emptor without means often has to work away from his farm for a while in order to support himself.

Mr. Bodwell—Yes, but this land has not been cultivated since it was taken up thirty-two years ago. And that is the best evidence that could be brought. He could not have made a living off conglomerate rock and sandstone even if he had wanted to.

Only Such as Occupied.

Passing on to his next point, Mr. Bodwell urged that the Settlers' Rights' Act in express terms only gave to the defendant such land as he had occupied. He had never attempted to enclose or cultivate the land as a whole, and so, in any event, his grant must be confined to two or three acres. His occupation was confined to his cabin and the small clearing around it, which he used as a home.

His lordship asked if it were necessary to fence to show occupation, and Mr. Bodwell replied that the amount of land which he occupied would best

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be shown by what he actually did. A pre-emptor was in a different position. In his case the statute granted him 160 acres. If he occupied a portion of it, and complied with the other requirements. But under this act no limit is set, and if the grant is not confined to the land actually used, there would be no means of ascertaining how much land the applicant was entitled to. It might be one acre or ten thousand, for these lands were situated in an unorganized tract.

Counsel then proceeded to argue that reasonable proof had not been submitted when the grant was applied for, but his lordship seemed clearly of the opinion that it was not for the court to review the action of the executive in such a matter, saying that a court would never issue an order if such a complaint were to be brought before it, or it was against the established policy of the courts to issue a futile order.

Plaintiffs' Contentions

Summing up counsel said his contentions were: First, that Grandan was not a settler as contemplated by the act; Second, that he had not occupied the 160 acres for which he had received a grant; Third, that the application for the grant had not been accompanied by the proof required by the statute which authorized the grant; Fourth, that, as he had argued on the previous day, the crown grant on which the defendant relied had not been registered as required by the Land Registry act and was not admissible as evidence in the case.

A. P. Luxton, K.C., then addressed the court in an attempt to impeach the constitutionality of the Settlers' Rights act on the ground that it interfered with the E. & N. railway for the general advantage of Canada and so only subject to Dominion control.

Argument for Defense

The whole of the afternoon was taken by the argument of L. G. McPhillips, K.C., for the defense, who addressed the court from behind the shelter of a mountain of law books, from which he continually drew numerous citations for the fortification of his arguments. He first addressed himself to the pleadings, arguing that the statement of claim did not set out a cause of action, and that if any cause of action was to be found in the pleadings at all, it was in the reply on which the plaintiff was not entitled to rely.

Passing to the points raised by Mr. Bodwell, Mr. McPhillips continued that the Settlers' Rights act should be construed liberally and not strictly, as the privy council had pronounced it to be in the nature of a remedial act. The act, he said, was in conjunction with the preamble which was part of the act. That preamble set forth that the object of the act was to retain the rights acquired by the pioneer settlers. The legislature took the view that these lands should never have been reserved, but that they should have got their entries at the time, and thus proceeded to repair the fault.

He held that the plaintiff could not attack the crown grant. It had been held by the privy council in the MacGregor case that the issuance of the grant was made mandatory on the executive and thus became to all intents and purposes part of the legislation. The Crown cannot be corrected by the court, and so the plaintiff had no standing in court. A petition for right of a pre-emption was not a writ, and a proceeding of that nature, he said, was suggested as the only possible correct method of procedure in the circumstances. He quoted a large number of cases to show that even where there was legislation permitting the questioning of crown grants, and there was none in this province, the complainant had the onus of clearly proving fraud or error or improvidence, which had not been done in this case.

With regard to the contention that only three acres had been occupied and so could be granted, counsel urged that this remedial act gave settlers all the rights which they would have had under the land act then in force, had they not been living in a reserve. He also contended that under the act, living on the land is all that was necessary as the act said "occupation or improvement," but even if it were not so, Grandan had erected dwellings at both ends of his claim which were connected by a path, he had cultivated portions and had the whole surveyed, all of which unquestionably constituted occupation.

As to Registration

Dealing with the objection that the grant had not been registered under section 75 of the Land Registry act, counsel contended that this section did not apply to the crown grant in question at all, as for reasons already given the grant was really a piece of legislation, which the Land Registry act could not be taken to repeal. General acts did not repeal special acts without special mention.

He then quoted the section in question which states that "Instruments... shall not be receivable by the court... as evidence or proof of the title of any person to such land, as against the title of any person to the same land, registered on or after the first day of July, 1905."

Not Retrospective

He repeated his argument of the day before that that clause was not intended to be retrospective, and only referred to titles registered on and after the date mentioned and not those which had been registered previously, but made as his chief point that the clause in any event only worked for the protection of persons who had a registered title to the same land. In this case the defendant was the only person who had a registered title to the land in question. She derived it from the Dominion crown grant issued to Grandan, and had been given a title of absolute fee in pursuance of an order of the late Mr. Justice "Trotter," and held a certificate hereof. The plaintiff company had not a registered title to the land in dispute, as the evidence and books of the land registrar showed. Thus, however, it might be said, the plaintiff could not take advantage of the clause to show that their blanket crown grant was no longer registered against Mrs. Fiddick's land.

His lordship remarked that there were two points on which he was not clear, namely that of the effect of the non-registration of the crown grant under the clause just referred to, and the question of occupation suggested by the clause of the Settlers' Rights act which provided that a grant for the land occupied should be issued. Court was then adjourned for the day, and Mr. Bodwell will reply this morning.

Close of Navigation

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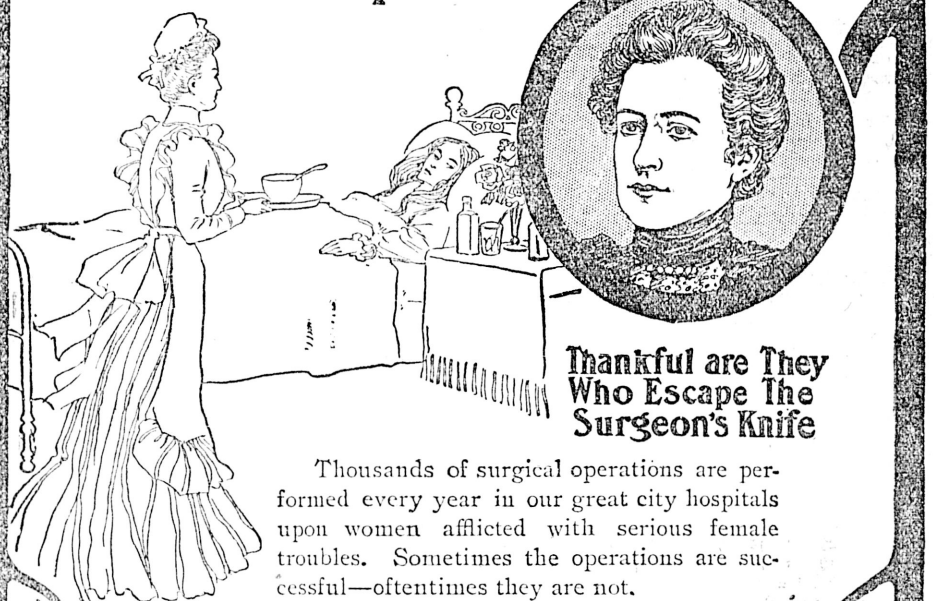
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soup and sauce ladles, cup and tureen,
nut crackers, mustard pot, sugar sif-
fers, skewers, egg, gravy, dessert, salt,
table, and teaspoons, toast rack, salver,
sugar tongs, finger bowls, water bot-
tles, pickle jars, decanters, champagne
glasses, tumblers, etc., etc.

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WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Mr. R. G. Macpherson said in the House of Commons, that "it does not require the training of a constitutional lawyer to recognize that the province of British Columbia was entirely out of its jurisdiction when it passed the Natal Act." Mr. Macpherson ought not to be so cock-sure of things. If he will turn to Section 95 of the British North American Act, he will find the following provision: "In each province the legislature may make laws in relation to agriculture in the province and immigration into the province, and it is hereby declared that the Parliament of Canada may from time to time make laws in relation to immigration into any and all the provinces; and any law of the legislature of a province relating to agriculture and immigration shall have effect in and for the province so long and so far only as it is not repugnant to any Act of the Parliament of Canada." It hardly requires a man to be a lawyer, not to say a constitutional lawyer, to see that Mr. Macpherson did not know what he was talking about. It would be difficult to express in language anything clearer or more definite than the quotation above given. It was clearly the intention to vest in the several legislatures the power to regulate immigration, subject to the paramount authority conferred upon the Dominion Parliament. Whether or not there is any law upon the Canadian statute book to which the Natal Act, as passed by the British Columbia government will be held to be repugnant, may not be free from doubt. Our own impression is that there is no such law. Our recollection of the correspondence in regard to the disallowance of previous Acts of the same nature is that it was based upon grounds of policy.

Mr. Macpherson says we cannot stop Orientals from coming into British Columbia because this province borders on Alberta, and we cannot prevent Orientals from coming in from that province. Again we remind Mr. Macpherson that he does not know what he is talking about. Our friend from Vancouver is evidently trying to square himself with the Dominion government for his ridiculous "Boston tea-party" speech. Sir Wilfrid Laurier called him down very sharply for that, and he is now endeavoring to bolster up the indefensible conduct of Sir Wilfrid's government. But it looks like a case in which the Prime Minister will play to be delivered from his friends.

AN EXTRAORDINARY UTTERANCE.

In his speech at the nomination of a candidate for the House of Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported to have said:

I know my words will be reported in British Columbia, but I speak here the same language as I would speak there, if it were my privilege to be there. Perhaps my words will be unwelcome there; but I tell them: "You have your views upon this question. You are hostile to the immigration of the Oriental races. I do not care for your sentiments, and I believe you are making a mistake."

This is such an extraordinary statement for any one, and especially the Premier of Canada, to make, that, if we had not found them quoted editorially in the Mail and Empire, we should have felt that the report was inaccurate. The first report quoted him as saying: "I do not share in these sentiments"; but it is almost incredible that the leading Conservative paper of Ontario would editorially attribute such language to him without warrant. If we are forced to accept it as correct, then in the words within the quotation marks in the above extract we have the message of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the people of British Columbia. We shall watch with a great deal of interest to see whether or not this astounding declaration is qualified in any degree by what the Prime Minister shall say in the House in the course of the discussion which has arisen on Mr. Ralph Smith's resolution relating to Oriental exclusion. If it is not qualified to a degree that will amount substantially to repudiation, an issue will be precipitated in this province of which there can only be one outcome.

We intend to refrain from extended comment until we have more information as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's position, as he may define it in the House of Commons. For the present we shall only say that if he is correctly reported in the Mail and Empire a parting in the ways has come so far as he and his supporters from this province are concerned.

The Mail and Empire says in regard to Mr. Templeman in this connection:

While Sir Wilfrid is assailing the good sense of British Columbia curiosity may naturally lead to an enquiry as to the whereabouts of Hon.

William Templeman. This gentleman is Sir Wilfrid's colleague. He is the leader of the British Columbia Liberals. The view of the British Columbia Liberals is that the Oriental immigration ought to be stopped. The view of Mr. Templeman, if he represents any body of opinion in British Columbia, must be similar. Now, where is Mr. Templeman? If Sir Wilfrid does not express Mr. Templeman's views on the Oriental question, why does Mr. Templeman remain in the Cabinet? If Mr. Templeman is a man, the announcement of Sir Wilfrid that he, the head of the Government, does not care for the sentiments of British Columbia will result in the immediate resignation of that politician from the Cabinet.

This view of the Minister's duty in the premises seems wholly reasonable. How can he return to this province and ask again for the support of the electorate in view of the hostile and contemptuous attitude assumed by his leader towards all the people of the province? Will Mr. Templeman's newspaper undertake to defend what Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said? Will the conventions which meet to nominate candidates for the next Dominion elections repudiate the action of the provincial convention and declare their confidence in a leader who expressly tells them that he does not care what they think? The whole situation created by this astounding declaration is so absolutely unique that to avoid the danger of falling into an error in discussing it, we await further developments before expressing ourselves further.

MR. SLOAN'S SPEECH

The remarks made by Mr. William Sloan in the House of Commons on Monday are so fully in line with the position taken by the Colonist on the question of Oriental immigration, that we hope they will be widely read and deeply pondered over by the people of Eastern Canada. Sir Wilfrid Laurier on listening to them must have felt like qualifying his opinion that the attitude of British Columbians on this question is a mistake. Mr. Sloan did not present all the phases of this very important subject, but he drew the attention of the House to many of them, and he was undoubtedly correct in saying that the issue raised by Oriental immigration is the greatest that has arisen since confederation. We are heartily glad that he and Mr. Smith, a full synopsis of whose observations did not come to hand, have taken so emphatic a stand on this question. In British Columbia no party lines are drawn as to the principle involved. Whether or not there will be on the policy of the Dominion government in dealing with it, time only can determine. We feel warranted in saying, however, that if something more far-reaching is not attempted during the present session of Parliament than the ratification of such arrangement as Mr. Leduc may make with Japan, it will be impossible to prevent Oriental exclusion from being, perhaps, the most important issue at the next Dominion election in this province.

As far as we are able to gather from the synopsis of Mr. Sloan's remarks he does not appear to have given much attention to Hindu immigration. Yet we venture to think that in one respect this is more important than an influx from Japan. The population of the latter country is only one-sixth that of India and perhaps even less. Moreover there are nearly lands to which the Japanese government is anxious to direct its surplus of people. There is no available territory for the over-plus of India to occupy, and we do not believe that the white population of Western Canada will submit to be crowded out by their fellow subjects from the south of Asia. If violence is resorted to in Canada, it is very likely to find its counterpart on a greatly augmented scale in India, and the problem presented by that country to the British government is already sufficiently difficult and complicated.

It will be interesting to note what Messrs. Sloan and Smith will accept as a sufficient compliance with their demands. They know, if the Prime Minister does not, the strength of public opinion here on this question. They know that for a candidate to ask the voters of British Columbia to endorse any line of action, that falls short of the provisions of the Natal act, would be to invite certain defeat. Whether their party loyalty will carry them to such an extent as to lead them to attempt the impossible and ask their constituents to endorse anything less than what the Legislature has declared over and over again that the province needs we shall not attempt to say. We know that the logical outcome of their position is that they shall demand legislation on the lines of the Natal act, and be satisfied with nothing less.

Japan is going to economize in her army and navy expenses. Evidently the Elder Statesmen have reached the conclusion that peace in the Orient is not likely soon to be broken.

We are all in a position these days to make the members of the hard-working clerical staff in the various shops a much-appreciated Christmas present. All we have to do is to do our shopping early.

In Austria and Hungary, when a parliamentary debate grows exciting, the members throw missiles at each other and resort to fistfights. Hence it is not particularly startling to learn that an Austrian member of the Chamber of Deputies shed a stick of wood at the Premier. Countries differ as to what constitutes the amenities of debate.

Financial conditions in the United States improve very slowly. Money is exceedingly hard to get hold of. Business is being carried on by clearing house certificates and other devices, but it seems next to impossible to coax coin out of its hiding places. Until confidence has been restored our neighbors will continue to labor under the embarrassment resulting from a lack of money.

When Government street is repaired, that is, assuming that it will be some time or other, it is proposed to lay the blocks perfectly flat, or will there be sufficient of a "crown" to allow the water to run off freely? We realize that the car tracks may interfere with the adoption of the latter plan to some extent, but it ought not to be beyond the reach of engineering ingenuity for all that.

The Times refers to a certain corporation, without naming it, which it says "holds the McBride government in the hollow of its hand." This is simply one of our contemporary's absurdities, and is hardly worth the ink necessary to say that it is a fabrication. It would be quite easy to refer to a corporation which "holds the Minister of Inland Revenue in the hollow of its hand," but the Colonist prefers to confine itself to statements of fact and to permitting the public to draw their own inferences.

Victoria's contribution to the Poor Children's Christmas Fund in London was \$322. It is proposed to form a permanent organization to look after contributions to this fund in the future. Whether this is a desirable step or not those who have had charge of the matter are best able to judge, and they seem to think it is. But under any circumstances Victorians may be counted upon as always ready to do their share towards helping the poor little ones in the Empire's metropolises to have a Christmas dinner.

It is a hopeful sign of the times that financiers, representatives of trade unions and prominent business men should confer together in the hope of improving the relations between capital and labor. For too long each interest has held aloof from the other, regarding with suspicion any suggestion tending to eliminate those elements of warring discord, which had croneously come to be regarded as an inevitable outcome of every economic problem. Now, however, the principle of "let us reason together" is being followed, with every promise that the result will contribute materially to the betterment of mankind.

It is a matter for congratulation that, in one detail affecting the interests of the people, the city council is not to be permitted to pursue any bungling policy—the provincial board of health having served notice that the garbage heap at the James Bay flats is a menace to public health, and that the nuisance must be remedied. Many people will regret that the jurisdiction of the provincial authorities cannot be extended to embrace other matters, the maintenance of our principal thoroughfares, for instance, so that we would not be forced to bow our heads in shame when we look at Government street.

Without at all attempting to enter into a discussion of the merits of the controversy, it is pertinent to point out that it is abundantly clear that the very existence of the Western Federation of Miners as a factor in the affairs of organized labor in America is threatened by the situation at Goldfields, Nevada. The Mine Owners' association at that point has thrown down the gauntlet by declaring the organization to be a "combination in restraint of trade and a treasonable body." The outcome of this extremely interesting situation will be eagerly awaited by all classes.

Persia is having domestic troubles. It may be recalled by some readers that well-informed people expressed the fear that the present Shah would prove reactionary. When he took office he promised to live up to the principles, which had influenced his father to grant a constitution; but concurrent with his promise there came disquieting reports to the effect that his personal views were in favor of an autocracy and that his whole entourage was made up of those who opposed the late Shah's liberal and progressive views. Great Britain and Russia may have a chance to put their understanding as to Persia into good use; but it would be strange to see the Czar interfering in a foreign country to secure the people constitutional advantages which he denies to his own subjects.

After making an exhaustive investigation, Mr. F. T. Griffin, C. P. R. land commissioner, declares that the wheat crop of 1907 is valued at \$29,000,000 more than 1906. This is calculated to upset some preconceived notions of the situation in the prairie provinces, because for some unexplained reason the opinion prevailing very generally that nothing like so good a showing would be made. This excites the suspicion that early reports of a great shortage in the wheat crop were instigated by shrewd stock manipulators. However, we are not concerned about that. There will be universal rejoicing at this authoritative announcement of a bumper crop, not only by the farmers immediately affected, but by all who recognize the premier position occupied by the industry in the development of Western Canada.

Judging from the elaborate precautions to protect the interests of the city taken by the city council on the application of the E. & N. railway company to extend its tracks a few hundred yards on a little-used thoroughfare, in the event of a trans-continental railway company announcing its wish to make this city a terminal point the same municipal government would feel it incumbent upon itself to call out the militia. Verily, we are a great people. If ordinary common sense had been used, an arrangement satisfactory to all parties concerned would have been arrived at long ere this, the work of extending the tracks would not doubt have been completed, the freight congestion would have been relieved and a considerable body of men would now be employed on the erection of new terminal buildings for the railway company. But we are paying the penalty for having placed in the office of mayor a gentleman, who considers it more important to play the galleries than to work for the true interest of the city.

There never was a time in the history of Victoria when the people had greater reason for demanding the settlement of the Songhees reserve dispute than the present. We know that the impasse with the handful of aborigines who occupy the land is a great obstacle to the natural expansion of the city. We know that were the reserve thrown open the area would immediately be occupied as a site for commercial enterprises and create numerous opportunities for the employment of large bodies of workmen. At a time when there is a considerable number of unemployed men in the city it is exasperating to think that no serious attempt is being made to settle this matter once and for all. The little coterie, which has in the past by an absolutely unjustifiable obstinacy prevented an agreement being reached, has been treated with an altogether too great consideration by the people of Victoria. In most other communities they would have been hustled out of such an untenable position with but scant ceremony. If Mr. Templeman who has recently assumed the responsibility of attempting a settlement of the question, would display the part of wisdom, he will take cognizance of the present situation and the temper of the people of this city and lose no time in intimating to those most concerned in the matter that no further quibbling will be tolerated. Victoria wants the Songhees reserve thrown open, and at once.

The Times says it declines to believe that Mr. Dunsmuir withheld Royal assent from the Bowser Bill "except under the advice of Mr. McBride." Then why this unwarlike demand for Mr. Dunsmuir's resignation? We know that if our contemporary was given rope enough it would hang itself, and it has done so. If the Lieutenant-Governor acted on the advice of his first minister, it does not matter the least what his private views are, or if he had fifty contracts for the supply of all sorts and descriptions of Orientals to work in his coal mines. His own opinions, wishes and desires would be absolutely beside the question. Mr. McBride would have to bear the responsibility and a demand for the resignation of Mr. Dunsmuir would be a gratuitous impertinence. The only force there is in such a demand arises from the possibility that he may have acted without either the sanction of the federal authorities or the advice of the provincial Premier. If, acting on his own volition and for the sake of preventing action hostile to his own views, he withheld the Royal assent from a Bill, it would be difficult to see how he could continue in office. It can only be upon such an assumption that the Liberals generally have called for his resignation.

The Times says it did not make any such demand. Perhaps not, but it certainly came about as near it as it very well could. It is willing to do now what the Colonist told it some time ago it ought to do: It is going to "wait until the parties concerned have had an opportunity to state their side of the case." This, coupled with its return to its original proposition that Mr. McBride must have advised disallowance, looks very much as if our contemporary had received a hint from influential quarters to restrain itself just a little. Of course, it is still at liberty to hammer away at Mr. McBride.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

From Sunny Alberta.

In Ottawa the jangling of the legislators is mingled with the jangling of sleigh-bells. Our sympathies are due our representatives, called by duty from the balmy airs of the sunny province to shiver in the icy blasts that roar along the valley of the Ottawa.—Edmonton Bulletin.

A Preposterous Claim.

It is difficult to understand on what ground the Federal government can claim that when land set apart by the Provincial government from the Crown domain for the use of the Indians, are no longer occupied by them they should become the property of the Dominion and not revert to the province.—News-Advertiser.

How About Wholes?

It would seem then that even with regard to the resources of the sea, there are instances in the list of human wants which Nature will no longer satisfy for man unless he lends a hand. Oysters and clams have been added to the list in the east—here, though we have clams we have few oysters; with regard to the latter human effort is still necessary. The lesson afforded by the operations in the Atlantic ocean is one that we may some time have to learn with regard to the Pacific.—Vancouver Province.

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"I don't care if it does," exclaimed the other. "I don't want the public to get the impression that a gang of robbers can go through my house and only £125 worth of stuff worth stealing."—Illustrated Bits.

NEWS OF THE CITY

Make Additions

Yesterday a permit was granted by the building inspector to Messrs. Leigh Bros. for additions to a dwelling on Selkirk street to cost \$500.

Local Bank Clearings

Local bank clearings for the week ended yesterday totalled \$1,146,396 compared with \$1,091,839 the preceding week.

Railway Agent Here

W. Brewster, traveling passenger agent of the Chicago and Great Western Ry., and Mr. Clarke, general agent of the Northern Pacific at Port Townsend spent yesterday in the city.

Dallas Decision Reserved

Magistrate Jay did not give his decision on the application to dismiss the Dallas prosecution yesterday. Counsel for the defendants did not appear, and His Worship decided to take another day in which to consider the matter.

Christmas Contributions

The teachers as well as the parents and children are asked to remember that this year the offerings of the school children for the Friendly Help Society are to be brought to the schools on Friday next, the closing day of school.

Elect Officers

At a recent meeting of the Bartenders' League the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. R. Jones; vice-president, W. Hill; financial secretary, R. Bittencourt; treasurer, E. Alcock; recording secretary, F. Jewell; inspector, W. Leeks; chaplain, B. McCusky. The trustees will report at the next regular meeting.

Beaver Season Extended

The order-in-council extending the open season for the taking of beaver until March 31, has been passed. In order that those trapping beaver in the upper interior may have a chance to dispose of their pelts the season within which it will be lawful for them to have beaver pelts in their possession is extended until August 31.

For the Mayoralty

Alderman Hanna authorizes the statement that he will be a candidate for the mayoralty at the forthcoming municipal elections. He will issue his card to the citizens in the course of a few days. Mr. Hanna has served two years on the aldermanic bench, and the remaining and renumbering of the streets are due to his initiative.

Will Hold Special Service

A special public service will be held under the auspices of the Central Baptist church tomorrow evening in the Emmanuel church building at 8 o'clock. A number of believers will be immersed and pastor Christopher Barnett will preach a sermon relevant to the occasion. The public is heartily invited.

Will Speak Tonight

Rev. R. Connell, of St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, will deliver an address in St. James church, James Bay, this evening at 7.45, on the history of the English church for the past two hundred years, in connection with the Thanksgiving offering to be presented in St. Paul's cathedral, London, at the meeting next year of the Pan-Anglican conference.

Will Appoint Teachers

The school board will hold a meeting on Friday night next at 8 o'clock, when considerable arrears of business will be transacted. Among other business will be the appointment of two teachers, one for the South Park school, and one for the High school. All those having accounts against the board are requested to send them in so that they can be submitted at this meeting.

Offices to be Transferred

The government offices for the Quesnel division will be transferred from Quesnel Forks to Quesnel. This action is taken on account of the fact that with the Guggenheims ceasing their operations in the district the importance of the former station dwindles. The limits of the division and that of Clinton district are rearranged somewhat in order to suit the change.

For London's Poor Children

In aid of the poor children's Christmas dinner in London, England, the citizens and Sunday schools of Victoria contributed \$322, and this amount has been cabled to Sir John Kirk. Tonight a meeting of those interested will be held at the Y. M. C. A. board room at 8 o'clock for the purpose of effecting permanent organization and election of officers. A full attendance is requested.

Christmas Entertainment

An entertainment and Christmas tree will be given at Metehosin hall on Friday evening next for the pupils of the public schools by the teacher Miss Boss. The play of "Bluebird" will be given by a number of the pupils. The toys for the Christmas tree have been sent out by a number of friends in England. A large number of the friends of the pupils are expected to be present.

Young People Elect Officers

The Young People of Calvary church at the regular weekly meeting held on Monday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, William Dinsmore; vice-president, Miss E. Gilmore; secretary, Nell Whitehead; treasurer, Miss E. Wilson; organist, Miss A. Bishop; reporter, W. Russell; executive committee, Mrs. W. Marchant and Miss C. Zimmerman. The programme for the next term will be made up of lessons from the life of Christ.

Little Damage by Fire

The chief commissioner of funds and works is in receipt of the report of A. J. Noel, fire warden of the district between Kootenay and the Boundary, with headquarters at Fernie. He reports that the season has been attended with but little damage to the forests of the district. Owing to the completion of the line of the Great Northern between Fernie and Michel great care will have to be taken next season that sparks from the engines does not set fire to the slashings along the right of way.

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Premier Will Speak

Hon. Richard McBride left this morning for the mainland, and will be away until Saturday next. He will spend a portion of the day in his old constituency of Dewdney with the present member, W. J. Munson. Today he will speak at Mission at 11 a. m., at Dewdney at 3.30 p. m., and at Agassiz at 8 p. m. Tomorrow he speaks at Whonnock at 12 a. m., at Haney at 12 o'clock noon, at Coquitlam at 4.30 p. m., and at Port Moody at 7.30 p. m. The general issues of the day will be dealt with throughout the constituency in this manner.

Natural History Society

The regular meeting of the Natural History Society, held last evening, was exceedingly well attended, a large number of lady visitors being also present. After the disposal of the usual routine business, came the paper of the evening, "Old Time Reminiscences of British Columbia," by Francis Sykes. This was a continuation of a paper read in November, and the lecturer still further graphically depicted the stirring scenes and events of the early settlement of Victoria, the subject being very interesting.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 17, 1907.

SYNOPSIS.
The barometric pressure remains abnormally high over the region of the Rocky mountains and the weather on the coast is mostly cloudy and cool with light falls of snow, sleet and rain on Vancouver Island, and in Oregon and Washington. In the prairie provinces it has become colder the temperature at Winnipeg falling to 4 below zero.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	31	49
Vancouver	31	49
New Westminster	34	51
Kamloops	24	38
Barkerville	—	8
Port Simpson	—	—
Atlin	11	30
Dawson, Y. T.	12	below 6
Calgary	zero	22
Winnipeg, Man.	—	below 10
Portland, Ore.	35	56
San Francisco, Cal.	46	56

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity: Northerly and easterly winds, mostly cloudy and cool with occasional snowfall today or Thursday.

Lower Mainland: Easterly winds, cloudy and cool with occasional snowfall today or Thursday.

TUESDAY.
Highest 49
Lowest 31
Mean 40
Snow, .93 inch, 8

TIDE TABLE.

Date	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
1	00.06	6.0	1.51	5.4	11.29	8.6	19.09	4.3
2	1.32	6.4	5.37	6.0	11.51	8.9	19.30	3.4
3	2.59	6.9	6.22	5.9	12.15	9.2	19.58	2.4
4	4.29	7.4	7.06	5.7	12.43	9.6	20.34	1.5
5	5.52	7.8	7.54	5.4	13.14	9.9	21.16	0.6
6	6.58	8.2	8.38	5.0	13.47	10.2	22.02	0.5
7	7.42	8.5	9.01	4.8	14.21	9.9	22.50	0.1
8	8.08	8.7	9.41	4.4	14.56	9.5	23.40	0.0
9	8.48	8.9	9.68	4.0	15.22	9.0	24.38	0.1
10	8.59	9.0	9.84	3.6	15.40	8.5	25.42	0.3
11	8.52	9.0	9.91	3.2	15.53	8.0	26.50	0.6
12	8.30	9.0	9.91	2.8	16.00	7.6	27.63	1.0
13	7.98	9.0	9.84	2.4	16.02	7.2	28.80	1.4
14	7.59	8.9	9.68	2.0	16.00	6.8	30.00	1.8
15	7.14	8.8	9.41	1.6	15.94	6.4	31.22	2.2
16	6.65	8.6	9.01	1.2	15.84	6.0	32.45	2.6
17	6.14	8.4	8.54	0.8	15.70	5.6	33.68	3.0
18	5.59	8.1	8.01	0.4	15.53	5.2	34.90	3.4
19	5.02	7.8	7.44	0.0	15.34	4.8	36.10	3.8
20	4.44	7.5	6.84	0.0	15.12	4.4	37.28	4.2
21	3.86	7.2	6.21	0.0	14.88	4.0	38.44	4.6
22	3.28	6.9	5.56	0.0	14.62	3.6	39.58	5.0
23	2.70	6.6	4.91	0.0	14.34	3.2	40.70	5.4
24	2.12	6.3	4.26	0.0	14.04	2.8	41.80	5.8
25	1.54	6.0	3.61	0.0	13.72	2.4	42.88	6.2
26	0.96	5.7	2.96	0.0	13.39	2.0	43.94	6.6
27	0.38	5.4	2.31	0.0	13.04	1.6	45.00	7.0
28	0.00	5.1	1.66	0.0	12.68	1.2	46.06	7.4
29	0.00	4.8	1.01	0.0	12.31	0.8	47.12	7.8
30	0.00	4.5	0.36	0.0	11.94	0.4	48.18	8.2

The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

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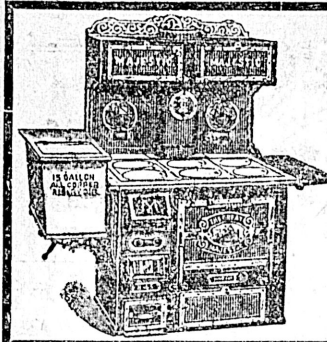
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MONEY TROUBLES THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH

Coroner's Jury Finds Charles
A. Waller Took His Own
Life

"That the said Charles A. Waller did come to his death at Victoria on or about Dec. 7 by wounds self-inflicted, while he was in a state of despondency caused by worry over money troubles."

The above verdict was rendered by the coroner's jury which sat yesterday at the police court at the city hall to investigate into the circumstances surrounding the death of Waller whose dead body was found near the bear pits in Beacon Hill park on Sunday morning last, and who had been reported to the police as having been missing since the night of Dec. 6 from his rooms at 520 Menzies street. The jury consisted of Arthur Leary, A. B. Smith, Thomas Fletcher, Arthur B. Smith, Arthur Jones and Wilson McLean. The investigation brought few, if any, facts that have not already been made public.

William Dennison, of the E. G. Prior company, who found the body, testified that on Sunday morning last as he was strolling through the park about 10:30 o'clock he came across the body lying on the ground face downwards. He did not disturb the body but immediately went to the nearest telephone and notified the police.

W. Lindsay, who has a lease of the premises at 520 Menzies street, where Waller had taken rooms about four weeks ago, stated that he had seen the body at Smith's undertaking rooms and had identified it as that of Charles A. Waller. The latter had resided at 520 Menzies street since Nov. 11, when he came to Victoria from California. He stated that Mr. Lindsay, that he was looking for a rooming or boarding house, and after several conversations he had arranged to purchase the lease and furniture of the house from Mr. Lindsay, paying a deposit of \$50, the balance of the money to be paid when funds from Australia were received. About a week before his disappearance he appeared greatly worried and informed Mr. Lindsay that he had drawn upon the savings bank at San Diego, Cal., where he had money on deposit, for \$1,685, but the bank had returned the draft with the advice that sixty days notice of withdrawal was necessary. Waller worried much over this and appeared to be afraid that he would not get his money, that the bank would probably suspend payment. Waller's sister, Mrs. Bell, arrived in Victoria from Australia on the Aorangi about three weeks ago and the arrangements for the purchase of Mr. Lindsay's interest were made after her arrival here.

Waller was an early riser and generally got down stairs in the morning before anyone else. On the Friday, the day before he disappeared, he stated to Mr. Lindsay that he was greatly worried about the California money and he repeatedly referred to the bank's refusal to let him have it. On Sunday morning, Dec. 7, Waller failed to put in an appearance and on going to his room Mrs. Bell discovered that he was not there. He was not seen again until his body was discovered in the park. That afternoon his disappearance was reported to the police.

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Under the charge of the local police testified to being notified of the finding of the body and going to the park and taking charge of it. The body was lying upon its face, the revolver clutched in the right hand with the thumb still in the trigger guard. There was nothing to indicate that there had been a struggle.

J. B. Brennan, of Smith's undertaking establishment, gave evidence to the effect that there were three bullet wounds in the body, one in the centre of the forehead and two in the left side of the body. The bullets which had caused the latter wounds had completely penetrated the body and were found in the dead man's clothing.

The jury took but a few minutes to arrive at its decision as recorded above. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of W. B. Smith. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet will conduct the services.

BADLY INJURED BY PREMATURE EXPLOSION

Edward D. Clark Has Narrow
Escape From Death at
Swanson's Bay

By the premature explosion of a charge of dynamite, occasioned by a falling rock, Edward D. Clark, brother of H. H. Clark of the E. G. Prior company, was seriously injured at Swanson's bay on Saturday, Dec. 7. While his injuries will not likely result fatally, Mr. Clark was so badly hurt that it will be a considerable time before he is able to get on his feet.

Mr. Clark was foreman of the British Columbia General Contracting company and was in charge of the excavating work for the foundations of the large pulp mill which that company is now erecting at Swanson's bay. The dynamite charges had been placed and Mr. Clark was superintending the work when one of the charges exploded. None of the flying rocks struck him, but the force of the blast hit him under the right jaw literally ripping open the whole side of his face and destroying the sight of one eye. Fortunately there was a door at that point and Mr. Clark's injuries were immediately attended to. Every hope is held out for him as he was of a particularly strong constitution.

H. H. Clark on receiving information of the accident to his brother, immediately left for the north on the Princess Beatrice and after seeing that his brother was receiving every attention, returned to the city arriving here on Monday afternoon.

Lecture on Church History
Bishop Perrin will give his third lecture on Church History, illustrated by lantern slides, at the Christ church schoolroom on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject will be the time of the reformation.

School Board Meets.
The school board will hold a meeting on Friday evening next to consider the question of teachers' salaries. Deputations from waited on the trustees and have urged that the board make the increase a larger one. A number of appointments to vacancies upon the board will also be considered.

Pipe Band Parades.
The St. Andrew's pipe band paraded last evening to the A.O.U.W. hall, where the usual monthly concert was held. The pipe band is holding weekly practice in the Sir William Wallace hall. The band now numbers seven pipers, Murdoch MacDonald, Donald Melvor, John McKenzie, Alex. Chisholm, Ernest Wishart, W. Anderson, J. McKenzie, with a drummer, J. Smith.

TIMBER MEN WILL MEET WEDNESDAY
Will Finish Organization of Chamber of Commerce for the Influence Legislators

The adjourned inaugural meeting of the projected branch exchange of the British Columbia Forestry and Timber Chamber of Commerce will be held in the A. O. U. W. on Wednesday next. Dr. Judson Clark, the secretary of the parent body in Vancouver, will again be present to assist in the work of organization and the local branch will be set running.

As the members trust to be able to effect some changes in existing legislation at the approaching session of the provincial legislature, the time will be lost in getting to work. At the present time the officers of the parent body are busy organizing those interested in timber licenses in the northern portion of the province, and it is hoped that by the time the legislature assembles the exchange will have over 2,000 members.

The first effort of the association will be to have the length of time for the renewal of timber licenses extended.

They were attended by one of our leading physicians, and when it came

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS WANT EXTRA GRANT

Ask Council for an Increased
Amount Next Year—Want
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The directors of the hospital board met at the board of trade rooms on Monday night, with E. A. Lewis in the chair and the following directors present, R. E. Brett, J. W. Bolden, Jas. Forman, C. A. Holland, R. S. Day, H. E. Newton, D. E. Campbell and Mrs. Rhodes, and discussed the question of asking an increased grant from the city of Victoria. The question of the large proportion of free patients treated at the hospital engaged the directors' attention for fully an hour, it appearing that at least fifty per cent are treated without cost to the patient. During the discussion it was shown that the average daily cost of treatment of all patients during the year ending May 31, last was \$1.64 per diem, but in consequence of the higher rates charged this year for most of the supplies the average daily cost will be higher. Under the Hospital act the Royal Jubilee receives from the provincial government a per capita allowance which works out at approximately 45 cents per day for each patient. This, while no more than was received by hospitals which render financial statements to the government was considered very fair. The source of complaint was the small allowance received from the corporation of Victoria. The majority of the free patients treated at the hospital were residents of the city and the aggregate daily stay was approximately 9,000 per annum. Deducting the provincial government's per capita grant of 45 cents per day per head, the cost to the hospital worked out at over \$10,000 net, for which the hospital received from the city the sum of only \$5,000 per annum. This matter had repeatedly been brought before the corporation authorities and when the facts were last laid before the council in May last, the decision was made that provided it was found when all the taxes had been paid for the current year, \$2,500 was then available that sum would be paid to the hospital as an additional grant. Notwithstanding the fact that the taxes had been paid this year, the corporation had not seen fit to make good its promise. A letter before the board acknowledging an application for the additional grant stated that the matter had been referred to the finance committee of the council for report, but no advice of the money has been forthcoming.

The hospital was erected some 18 years ago and the repairs this year had been unusually large, although absolutely necessary in any way to keep the institution in effective condition. In consequence of this the directors had been obliged to encroach upon funds which their predecessors set aside for works of a different nature, that is, the building of a home for nurses, additional rooms for patients, overhauling the heating system, covering the buildings with fireproof material and other works. The loss from this fund the directors considered most serious. To make matters worse from a financial standpoint the opening this year, of the children's ward had increased the cost of operation. The number of children occupied beds in the free wards so that accommodation there was now increased by twelve beds, which were constantly in use.

Since the Strathcona wing was opened and previous to the opening of the children's ward the proportion of the hospital's income was assumed reasonable limits, but the beds in the children's ward had now displaced the balance and it was feared that it would be some time before the equilibrium could be restored. In the meantime the funds which were set aside for the building of additional private rooms were now being expended for current maintenance.

The discussion closed with the adoption of the following resolutions: "That the city authorities be asked to provide the sum of \$10,000 in the estimates for 1908 for this hospital," and "that the most rigid economy be practised during the remainder of the hospital year so that, if possible, the year may close without a deficit in the general maintenance account."

These resolutions in no way affect the reasonable expectation that the city authorities may do something for the hospital before the end of this month. The following letter from H. Dallas Helmecken, K.C., was received. The writer, after drawing attention to an enclosed clipping with regard to the payment for treatment in accident cases under the Workmen's Compensation act, said:

It has long occurred to me that legislative action was necessary in the financial interests of the hospital. It is not so long ago that the hospital was obliged to attend to two miners who had been hurt at Ladysmith, who were sent to the hospital for treatment and were treated successfully.

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to a matter of settlement (which, I may say, in this particular instance I am referring to was made unknown to me) the hospital and the doctor were both forgotten. When we endeavored to collect the account we were told by the company that they were not responsible as the men have a fund of their own and which supports a medical man of their own. The medical man, on the other hand, never attended to the patient, but sent him direct to your institution, which, of course, would never think of refusing assistance to a patient, and especially one meeting with an accident of this nature.

The medical man never notified the institution that the company was not responsible, nor did the company do so, nor did the medical man state to the institution that the miners, of whom the one under consideration was one, had a fund of their own.

This is a state of affairs which ought not to exist, and while the institution is ever ready to take care of the sick and injured, there is just as heavy a corresponding duty on the part of those sending injured miners there, to see to the proper compensation being made to the hospital.

As matters stand it is impossible to collect the hospital bill or the medical gentleman's bill. I therefore respectfully urge upon the board that they should take proper means to bring this matter to the attention of the government, so that the necessary legislation be introduced at the forthcoming session. It means of course an amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act, and it is a matter in which all hospitals should be asked to express their opinion upon, as if the power be granted it will enable the hospitals to collect bills which would otherwise remain unpaid.

I must say, however, in justice to what is commonly known as the working class, that they object in the first place to go into the hospital, because they always wish to pay for their treatment in the hospital, and if they have not the necessary means they are very slow in taking advantage of the opportunities afforded at the hospital. But it is the people who can pay and won't pay, and in cases which we are at present discussing, legislative power is necessary to be obtained.

Attached to the letter was the following clipping from the London Daily Graphic of Wednesday, November 6:

HOSPITALS AND ACCIDENT PATIENTS.
Payment For Treatment.
Mr. Justice Darling has earned the gratitude of hospital managements by the precedent he has just established. In a case where damages were found against two motor omnibus companies for personal injuries caused to an infant, he directed that out of the sum awarded a certain amount should be handed to the hospital where the injured boy was treated. Following upon this, Mr. Edward Ridley has made the suggestion that courts should be given power, in cases of this kind, to add to the damages a sum to be paid to the hospital, and if the jury might assess as a contribution to the hospital proper, to be paid by those who did the wrong. The same point was raised immediately after the passing of the Workmen's Compensation Act. Speaking upon it yesterday, the secretary of the Hospital Saturday Fund said his personal opinion was that it would be wise to have a short Act passed which would enable judges to direct the jury to ap-

portion a certain amount of compensation to the hospital which incurred expense in treating those who were injured in such accidents. He believed the rule had been acted upon previously, and certain grants made on application being made by the secretaries of hospitals. "We are helped," he added, "by many firms who keep a large number of workers, and we know it is the practice of employers who are liable to have cases of accident occur on their premises to contribute largely to the hospitals. To apply to firms in this matter is also, naturally, a point upon which hospital secretaries have been keen. At the same time, there are many cases where compensation might very well be made to the hospitals for the treatment of accidents."

Asked how a motorist would proceed in the case of a person whom he had run down, the secretary of the Fund said that better-class drivers would take the patient to hospital and would ask to be informed of the case, and then send a cheque. "But that," he said, "would be an exceptional thing." A hospital secretary confirmed this statement, saying it was almost invariably the case where a man was run down that the person running him down did not accept any responsibility, even so far as giving a donation to the hospital fund for first-aid. This might be from thoughtlessness, or perhaps, such persons were already subscribers to hospitals, and thought, therefore, that their liability was covered. While supporting the suggestion for a sum to be awarded to hospitals, the speaker in this case laid stress upon the necessity of its being an additional sum, as it would not do for hospitals to be in the position of exacting part of the compensation from a family whose bread winner, perhaps, had been stricken down, and who could ill afford to pay. It was, he said, a terrible thing to see a question raised as to whether the Crown authorities should not be asked to make a grant towards the expense that had been incurred. In the end the view prevailed that it was the duty of a hospital to attend to patients brought to its doors, no matter how their injuries were received, without raising as to whether the expense being directly refunded to them.

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In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than
formerly to the affairs of women,
the Colonist is taking a step
which it is hoped our lady
friends will appreciate. Any
communication from them of
general interest will be welcome
and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE.

No one can travel, even for short
distances, without realizing that
the engineers and others who have
charge of or operate the trains bear a
tremendous weight of responsibility. Not
only do they share the dangers of all
travelers on the trains, but if there
is an accident they are the first to
suffer. It is very rarely, in case
of accident where there is loss of life,
that the engineers, the brakemen or
firemen escape, and often there are
fatalities among the train hands of
which not even the passengers on the
train know. It is no wonder, then,
that railroad men resent unjust blame
in cases of railroad accident. It is
unfair to imagine that when an ac-
cident takes place the blame must be
due to the negligence on the part of
the trainmen. There are many causes
of accident with which the men in
charge of the trains have nothing to
do as the smallest child sleeping in its
berth. Even those who suffer the loss
of loved ones from a train accident
should suspend judgment till investigation
has placed the blame where it
rightfully belongs.

Brandon recently the trainmen
protested against the tendency on the
part of the public to blame the men
for accidents which occurred on the
train they were on. It would be most
unfortunate if anything happened to
destroy the faith of the public in a
body of men who are so well worthy
not only of confidence, but of admiration
as the railroad men.

Everywhere in the city there are
signs that Christmas will soon be here.
Even the most practical and prosaic
of storekeepers are decorating their
places of business in some fashion and
several of them have had their taste-
ful works of art. In the cars and on
the streets people of all ages and
both sexes may be heard discussing
the purchase of suitable Christmas
presents for friends or relatives.

The buyer must be hard to please
who cannot select something that
suits at once her purse and her taste.
Very costly and elegant articles are
displayed to suit full purses and ex-
pensive habits, while cheap and pretty
things are abundant for those who
are forced to practice that most dis-
tasteful of virtues at this season espe-
cially—economy.

There are some, not many, let us
hope, who will not, even on Christmas
Eve, be among the number that throng
the brilliantly lighted stores. The
breadwinners of some families have
been called away by death. In other
cases they have been laid aside through
sickness or misfortune, and in a few
it is to be feared, their weakness or
wickedness have prevented their earn-
ing even their own subsistence.

In all of these cases women and
children will have scant wardrobes
and empty larders.

A friend has shown the writer a
picture, which we trust will be true
of no little one in this city on Christ-
mas morning. In a scantily furnished
room, the figure of a little child is
seen, half lying in his little cot, sob-
bing over the empty stocking, which
in cold-like faith and simplicity, he
had hung by the chimney side the night
before. The little sketch shows the
very embodiment of grief for what
ever grown people may think, there is
no suffering so keen as that of a child
whose faith is lost and whose hopes
have been disappointed.

There are, it is to be hoped, very
few homes in this city where the
small sum necessary to render the
parts of the little one on Christ-
mas morning is wanting. Christian-
ity, both among the young and old-
er members of the community are
forming plans for supplying the need
of those who want. It very often hap-
pens, at such times, that those in the
greatest need are most reluctant to
ask for assistance. This is, alas, far
more true of those whose greatest
want is the sympathy of their fellow
men and women. If only people knew
the world is not so cold after all. It
only needs to be touched aright to
respond to an appeal to its generosity.
If, any, at this season, are in need they
should not hesitate through mistaken
pride to make their wants known.
What is their case today may be ours
tomorrow.

On the other hand, no one through a
false sense of delicacy, should fea-
rful from offering help where there
is any suspicion that aid is needed. No
one knows how much good even a kind
word may do to the sufferer who has,
perhaps for months or even years,
shut up her griefs in her own bosom.
There is, even in our favored city,
more sorrow and care than most of us
suspect. Those whose homes are hap-
py and who have been blessed with
this world's goods, can, if they will,
do much to dispel it.

At this season let no one ask "Who
is my neighbor?" but rather let each
seek for an opportunity to exercise
that love for others which is of the
essence of Christianity.

WOMEN'S WORK

"The Relation of the State to the
Family," the very important sub-
ject for discussion by the Mothers'
club this afternoon. It is hoped there
will be a large attendance as this will
be the last meeting of the season.
Strangers and all interested are wel-
come. The work for next season will
be considered and it is hoped that
members and others will have sug-
gestions to offer which will make the
work of the club even more effective
than it has been in the past. The
meeting takes place at 3 p.m. on the
Spring Ridge school.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree is one of the
pretty customs we borrow from Ger-
many. The older children especially
add greatly to the enjoyment of the
evening of Christmas day. Even
where the presents are first discovered
in the old-fashioned stocking the
brilliantly lighted tree adds to the en-
joyment of Christmas evening. We
clip from the Home Magazine some
valuable information about the choos-
ing and setting up of the tree so dear
to children and child lovers.

The tree, of course, the real Christ-
mas tree, is a balsam fir. It must be
evenly grown, with bushy, level
branches, and, above all, a beautiful
top. It is a blessed thing for any tree
lover's conscience to remember that
most of the Christmas trees come from
barren, scrubby pasture land, good for
nothing else, and that the crop of
Christmas enjoyment is probably the
best crop to be had from that soil.

If the orthodox Christmas tree is
not to be had get a spruce, hemlock
or a pine (though the latter is apt to
be sticky)—in fact anything that is
green, can be made to stand up-
right, and whose branches are stout
enough to be hung with their Christ-
mas weight of decorations and pres-
ents. Saw the butt straight, or you
may have difficulty in making the tree
stand up. Paint the end; this will
keep the sap from running out and
making things sticky. Before loading
the tree on the wagon or sled the en-
dless in, so they will not be hurt in hand-
ling, and be very careful of the top.

Sometimes setting up the Christmas
tree is not so easy as it looks. Keep
the branches tied in until you get it set
up—it is much easier to manage. First
see that the butt of the tree has been
saved, even stand the tree up on it
and see if you have it horizontal.
To make a "foot" take two-by-four
joists, if you have them, and make a
square cross, for this you will need
two pieces about four feet long. From
the centre of each cut out a block the
width of the board and an inch deep,
so that the two pieces when put to-
gether will fit perfectly flat on the
floor. Lay the tree on a couple of
sawhorses, or if these are not avail-
able then across two chairs, and with
long nails fasten on your standard,
being careful to have the tree directly
in the middle. Then stand the tree
up and nail braces from the ends of
the cross to the stem of the tree—
about two feet from the top. Another
way to take a stout packing
box, turn it on its side and nail
cleats to hold the tree in place. On
the opposite side of the box, directly
over the cleat-inclosure, cut a hole
large enough to admit the butt of the
tree.

These may not be the most artistic
or approved methods, but they are
among the simplest for the home car-
penter.

The Gathering Place.

Life changes all our thoughts of
Heaven.
At first we think of streets of gold,
Of gates of pearl and dazzling light,
Of shining wings and robes of white,
And things all strange to mortal sight.
But in the afterworld of years
It is a more familiar place.
A home untried by sighs or tears,
Where waiteth many a well-known face,
With passing months it comes more
near.

It grows more real day by day;
Not strange or cold, but very dear—
The glad homeland lost far away.
Where none are sick, poor or lone,
The place where we shall find our own,
And as we think of all we knew
Who have met to part no more,
Our longing hearts desire home, too,
With all the strife and trouble over,
—Browning.

"Judge," said the prisoner, who had
been caught with a chicken in a sack,
"You ought to be fast with me."
"Why? You stole the hen."
"I admit it, Judge; I admit it," re-
sponded the prisoner. "But it's solemn
truth, I tell you, it seemed to me a
dainty, yes, said"—Philadelphia Ledger.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked
to assist in making this personal
column as complete as possible.
Send or phone items to the city
editor.

Mrs. W. H. Hayward, of Duncan,
who is ill at the Jubilee hospital, is
progressing favorably.

Mrs. I. Anderson and Miss Helen
Anderson will leave today by the
Princess Victoria and C. P. R. for St.
John, N. B., whence they will sail
for Liverpool by the C. P. Atlantic
line steamship Empress of Ireland.

Mrs. J. C. Bowker and Miss Jeanie
Anderson leave today by the Princess
Royal and the Northern Pacific for
a three months' visit to Los Angeles,
California.

J. A. McNeill leaves this morning
by the Princess Royal and Northern
Pacific for San Francisco on a busi-
ness trip.

James Humes leaves today for
Butte, Montana, by the North Coast
Limited.

S. Leiser, R. E. Jamieson, H. E.
Ministry, R. P. Green, Mrs. Marie, W.
McNeill, A. E. McPhillips, R. C. Fard,
W. W. Duncan, E. J. Lynch, Mc-
Kenzie, M. McKeuzie, E. J. Farrell,
Tremble, D. G. Hall, Cameron, H. D.
Kirke, Gilbert, M. Leiser, L. Macrae,
leave this morning by the Princess
Victoria for Vancouver.

A. E. Günther, of Port Townsend,
is in the city for the benefit of his
health.

J. E. Coutts and W. Nesson, repre-
senting the Primrose Minstrels, were
in the city Monday.

Dennis Murphy left last evening for
his home.

H. E. Beasley, assistant to R. Mar-
pole, of the C. P. R., went up the
line yesterday on business.

TRIED RECIPES

Bouillon

Two pounds of lean beef, one quart
of cold water, one small onion, one
egg leaf, one stalk of celery, or half
teaspoon of celery seed, a few whole
peppers and a sprig of parsley; salt.
Place in a soup kettle, the meat, water
and other ingredients, cover closely
and stand on back of stove for two
hours, skim, and next set over good
fire to boil, then place on a moderate
fire and simmer gently four hours,
strain, return to soup kettle and add
salt. Beat the white of an egg with
half cup cold water, add broken egg-
shell, pour this into the boiling soup,
allowing it to boil briskly for ten
minutes, then throw in a gill of cold
water and boil a few minutes longer;
strain through cheesecloth or flannel
bag. Two lumps of sugar moistened
with water and allowed to burn will
color the above.

Savoury Potted Meat

This is an excellent recipe, par-
ticularly for a breakfast or supper relish,
and though beef is given in the recipe,
veal may be used if preferred, with
the addition of a little grated lemon
rind.

Ingredients: 2 lbs. lean beef, two
each of gloves and allspice, four pep-
pers, one half leaf of blade and mac-
two teaspoonful anchovy essence, 5
oz. butter, salt and pepper.

Method: Butter thickly the inside
of a large brown earthenware jar or
casserole dish. Take off all skin and
fat from the meat, and scrape the
lean very fine. Now put it in the but-
tered jar, with the spice and the bay
leaf tied in a piece of muslin. Cover
the jar very closely, place in a cool
oven or at the side of the stove for
two hours. At the end of this time
take out the spice, pound the meat in
a mortar, or in an enamel basin, with
the end of a rolling-pin, adding the
anchovy essence whilst doing so. Rub
the mixture through a wire sieve and
season well. Now melt 4 oz. of the
butter and skim well, mix it with the
meat, thus forming a smooth paste.
Press into small jars, and pour a layer
of clarified butter on each. Keep them
in a cool place.

Raspberry Pudding

This makes a very nice change for a
winter sweet, and, though any other
jam can be used, to be perfect it re-
quires raspberry preserve.

Ingredients: 1/2 lb. fine breadcrumbs,
2 oz. caster sugar, 1 oz. butter, 1 egg,
1/4 lb. raspberry jam and a little milk.
Nothing very expensive in this recipe,
you will say.

Method: Grease a mould or dish,
sprinkle in some brown breadcrumbs,
put the sugar and butter in a basin,
beat to a cream with a small wooden
spoon, add the egg and breadcrumbs
to the butter and sugar, then add the
milk, beating the mixture all the time.
Put a thick layer of the mixture into
the greased mould, then a layer of
jam; repeat the layers until the mould
is full. Bake for three-quarters of an
hour, turn out, and serve with jam
sauce.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Had Provided for It

Johnny Parry's father was giving
him some instructions about economy.
"Now, Johnny," he said, "don't spend
your pennies foolishly. Lay up some-
thing for a rainy day."
Johnny shook his head. This did not
appeal to him.

She Enjoyed It

Mabel spent an afternoon with her
mother at a meeting of the town's club
of women. Mrs. Brown read a paper
on "Household Gods," which, strangely
enough, Mabel listened to with great
interest. At supper in the evening her
father asked how she enjoyed the club
meeting.

See Our Important Offer to Piano Buyers

on Page 19

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MIKE SULLIVAN NOW AFTER KID KETCHELL

The Recognized Middleweight
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His Hands

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—There was very little aftermath to the Thomas Ketchell fight, general sentiment was that after three distinct trials Ketchell has proved himself a better man than Thomas and that in the future the paths of Joe and Stanley must be apart. Ketchell who was around yesterday little the worse for his fierce fight, said he was going to his home at Grand Rapids, Mich., to spend Christmas with his folks.

"My first idea was to stay around Grand Rapids and rest up for about four months," said Ketchell. "I have changed my plans, though, and will come back here after a stay of ten days. I will be ready for anything that turns up and will be more inclined to accept an offer to fight the winner of the Billy Papke-Hugo Kelly match than any other."

Mike (Twin) Sullivan is hot on the trail of Ketchell. He wired his brother Jack from Los Angeles to place a forfeit of \$500 in the hands of the writer to bind a match with Ketchell and Jack promptly attended to the matter.

"I think Mike would defeat Ketchell," said Jack. "Ketchell is a fierce hitter all right, but he swings from the floor and Mike would get his head off before he could land. Mike, I'm sure is more able to stand rough weather than Joe Thomas and is a puncher as well as being clever. Joe Gans, when at his best, was about the only man that defeated Mike and since then Mike has improved a lot and has got heavier."

As matter stand it is up to Ketchell and the matchmakers to say what they think of Mike's deft.

Joe Thomas was also around. His face, like Ketchell's, bore traces of ill-usage, but in the main he was feeling pretty well. Joe says he is going to the country for a while, but that he is not out of the fighting business by any means.

When Joe returns he will look around for something a little easier than Ketchell," said Harry Foley. "He may have a try at the ten-round game in Los Angeles, but at Codd's arena on New Year's day. Moran is at Shannon's where he prepared for his affair with Frankie Neil, and Attel has gone into camp at Mike's, Colma."

Johnnie Corbett, a Denver matchmaker, wired Jack (Twin) Sullivan an offer of a twenty-round match with Al Kaufman, the same to be pulled off in Denver on New Year's day. Jack hasn't made up his mind about accepting it.

"The big Australian is doing most of his work with Al Neill now. He appears to be weakest in his work coming out of clinches, but that is about the only time the San Francisco gets a chance to land."

"Flynn arrived here Wednesday night and is also working hard. He has done most of his training in San Francisco, and appears to be in the best of condition. Tim McGrath, his new manager, will back him heavily to win."

Nanaimo Wants Rugby Games.

The Nanaimo Rugby club has asked for home and home dates with the Victoria Rugby club for Christmas and New Year's Day, the first game here. As the local grounds will be in use on that day, the Victoria club will be unable to accept the dates suggested, but other dates will be arranged.

MAY SURPRISE VANCOUVER.

Victoria Rugby Team is Working Hard For Saturday's Game at Terminal City.

The players from whom the rugby team will be selected to represent Victoria against Vancouver at the Terminal City on Saturday are working overtime these days preparing for the big game, and they are rapidly rounding into condition. The team to represent this city will be selected tomorrow night after the final practice of the players at Oak Bay. That the team will be a strong one goes without saying, and there may be a surprise in store for those Vancouver enthusiasts who are looking for an easy win over the locals.

ISLAND LEAGUE MEETING.

Schedule Will Be Drawn at Adjourned Gathering to Be Held at Ladysmith.

The schedules for the three series of the Vancouver Island Football association will be arranged at a meeting to be held this evening at Ladysmith. Ed Whyte, secretary, and J. G. Brown, president of this city, will go up this afternoon to attend the meeting. There are five teams entered in the senior series, comprising the Y. M. C. A., James Bay A. A. and Esquimalt United of this city, Ladysmith and Nanaimo. In the intermediate series there are four teams, comprising the Victoria West Athletic association and Y. M. C. A. of this city, with Nanaimo and Ladysmith. Three teams will compete for the junior championship, they being the North Ward team of this city, Ladysmith and Nanaimo.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL.

London, Dec. 17.—The following are the results of Saturday's association football matches:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.
Aston Villa 6, Middlesbrough 0.
Bristol City 2, Blackburn Rovers 2.
Tottenham United 2, Liverpool 1.
Newcastle United 5, Notts County 1.
Manchester United 1, Preston North End 2.
Chelsea 1, Sheffield Wednesday 5.
Bolton Wanderers 2.
Sunderland 1, Everton 2.
Woolwich Arsenal 1, Birmingham 1.
Manchester City 1, Nottingham Forest 2.
SOUTH LEAGUE.
Brighton and Hove 1, Brantford 0.
Crystal Palace 3, Leyton 0.
Swindon 2, Reading 0.
Tottenham Hotspur 3, Watford 0.
Queens Park Rangers 3, Norwich City 1.
Westham United 1, Northampton 1.
Plymouth Argyle 2, Southampton 1.
Barnet 1, Brentford 5.
Portsmouth 2, Millwall 0.

MOTOR CLUB TO HOLD RUN ON CHRISTMAS

Motorists Will Urge Government to Rush Work on Sooke Road

The Victoria Motor club will hold a parade on Christmas Day through the streets of the city and Beacon Hill park. A photographer will accompany the club on its run and will take a number of pictures of the machines in Beacon Hill park, at the Gorge and at other beauty points throughout the city. The pictures taken last year were widely circulated by the Tourist association, and were an aid in the propaganda carried on by that body.

Representations will probably be made as a result of a meeting of the club held last night to the provincial government approving of its action with regard to the proposed new Sooke road, and urging that the government complete the road as soon as possible. Surveys have been made of the route and the field work completed and at present the surveyor, D. R. Harris, is engaged in figuring out the levels, etc. The club will point out to the government the fact that the abundance of labor which exists at the present time makes this an extremely good opportunity to push forward the work, and in view of the fact that the government can hardly afford work to all the unemployed of Vancouver upon the Point Grey roads.

The secretary was instructed to forward a number of signs such as have been placed at various points on the road to Goldstream to the municipality of Oak Bay. The parks committee of that municipality has agreed to distribute them and post them in conspicuous positions.

OLYMPIC TEAM TRYOUTS.

June 6 Named as Date by American Athletic Union Committee.

New York, Dec. 17.—The American committee of the Olympic games, which are to be held in London next July, have decided on June 6 as the day for the try-outs of those who desire to become members of the American team. There will be two try-outs, one in the east and the other in the west. From the showing made in these meets the team will be selected. All events will be on the programme excepting the Marathon race and the ten-mile walk. The following is the full programme: 100 meters flat, 200 meters flat, 400 meters flat, 800 meters flat, 1,000 meters flat, 110 meters hurdle, 400 meters hurdle, 3,200 meters steeplechase, 1 mile run, standing broad jump, standing high jump, running broad jump, running high jump, hop, step and jump, pole vault, hammer, three-mile team race (five to run, three to count), 3,500 meters walk, discus, (1) free style; (2) Greek style; javelin, ten-mile walk (sixteen kilometers), swimming, 100 meters, 400 meters, 1,500 meters, high diving from five to ten-meter spring boards, firm take off; fancy diving, from one to three meters, spring boards; 200 meters, steam race, 200 meters breast stroke, 100 meters back stroke, water polo (teams of seven).
Wrestling—Style, catch-as-catch-can, three bouts limited to twenty minutes, five weights, (a) Bantam to 119 pounds; (b) feather to 133 pounds; (c) light to 147 pounds; (d) middle to 161 pounds; (e) heavy over 161 pounds.
The entries for the three-mile race will be selected by the committee from the winners of the eastern and western try-outs.

DATES ASSIGNED FOR OAK BAY PARK

Local Rugby, Soccer and Hockey Clubs Make Arrangements for Grounds

A meeting of the representatives of the local rugby, association football and hockey clubs was held at the Oak Bay hotel last evening when dates for the winter season until April for the different lines of sport were arranged.

Harry Austin represented the Oak Bay Park association, J. Hart, the hockey clubs, W. H. P. Sweeney, the rugby club and E. Whyte, the association football clubs.

The Victoria Hockey club secured Christmas day for the play off of the postponed league game with the Garrison which was set for last Saturday. The dates assigned for hockey will be shared equally by the hockey and soccer clubs, each taking one of the fields while the rugby club will have the exclusive use of the grounds on the dates allotted to it. The following is a complete list of the dates:

Dec. 25—Soccer (morning), Hockey (afternoon).
Jan. 1—Open.
Jan. 4—Rugby, Stanford Vs. Victoria.
Jan. 11—Rugby, Vancouver Vs. Victoria.
Jan. 18—Soccer.
Jan. 25—Hockey.
Feb. 1—Soccer.
Feb. 8—Rugby, Nanaimo Vs. Victoria.
Feb. 15—Soccer.
Feb. 22—Soccer.
Feb. 29—Soccer.
March 7—Rugby or Hockey, field day for ladies.
March 14—Soccer.
March 21—Soccer.
March 28—Soccer.
April 4—Soccer.

BONHAG COMING TO VICTORIA

Will Race Art Burn, of Calgary, Probably on Good Friday

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—George V. Bonhag, one of the greatest distance runners in America, will probably meet Arthur Burn, Calgary, in this city in the spring, probably on Good Friday.

Con Jones, the well known promoter, received a letter yesterday from Bonhag expressing a desire to meet Burn in Vancouver. He mentions a three-mile indoor event as being suitable, but this will be changed to an outdoor race of from five miles to eight miles. Mr. Jones will turn the letter over to the Vancouver Athletic club and will ask the officials of the club to promote the race.

In his letter Bonhag states that he is a member of the Irish-American Athletic club, of New York, and will be a member of the American team which will go to the Olympic games in London next July. Bonhag is at present taking a course in a civil engineering at the Copper Institute in the metropolis.

Ottawa Gets Tom Phillips

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The Ottawa hockey club has been successful in securing Tom Phillips of Kenora. J. P. Dickson, the club's secretary, was sent west last Thursday, and Phillips signed his contract today at a big figure, said to be \$1,500, turning down the offer the Wanderers had previously made. He will be there in a few days. The dodge which landed Phillips was one of the neatest pieces of diplomacy pulled off in athletic circles for years. The club's action was kept a strict secret until today when the wire came announcing the capture of Phillips.

TEST MATCH NOW ON.

Marylebone Record Notable Victory Over New South Wales.

It is perhaps rather too soon to say that the members of the M. C. C. team now touring in Australia have more than justified their selection, but this victory over New South Wales, admittedly the most powerful side in Australia, by 108 runs almost compels one to make the statement.

Undoubtedly this fine victory over a side which contains five certain for the Test match now on will greatly hearten the Englishmen when they meet Australia at Sydney.

The bowling is appended in full:

	Runs	Wickets
Fielder	122	2
Barnes	8	12
Crawford	8	1
Braund	2	0
Blythe	1	0
Extras	7	0
Total	139	15

NEW SOUTH WALES.

	Runs	Wickets
V. Trumper	38	0
A. Diamond	21	0
Braund	17	0
E. L. Waddy	14	0
R. A. Duff	11	0
A. J. Hopkins	10	0
M. Blaxland	7	0
C. G. Macartney	6	0
A. Cotter	5	0
H. Carter	3	0
F. E. Johnson	2	0
Extras	10	0
Total	101	0

BOSTON MEN BACK BARRY.

Syndicate to Post Forfeit for Chicagoan to Fight Kaufmann.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Boston sporting men have formed a syndicate to back Jimmy Barry for the heavyweight pugilistic title of the world, as the Chicago slugger has made a great impression in the Hub and has led many to believe he is the legitimate candidate for the highest honors.

In a few days a big forfeit will be posted for Barry for a match with Al Kaufmann, who is shortly to come east for engagements. The conditions of the deal will be so liberal that there will be no escape for the coast giant.

Barry will consent to the purse being \$75 and 25, a declaration which Kaufmann cannot very well overlook. Barry's act of knocking out over a tough one as Tony Ross in two rounds, while it took Mike Schreck twelve to subdue the strong Italian, is the strong feature which has boosted the Chicago man in the east.

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Imperial Crown China Plates, from	\$1.25
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LICK CHINAMAN DIES IN THE POLICE CELLS

Chau Chow, Member of Lonsdale's Crew, Found Dead by Fellow Prisoner

While held at the city police station for safe keeping, Chau Chow, a Chinese member of the crew of the steamer Lonsdale, who had been taken from the boat and sent to the marine hospital about ten days ago for treatment and was later moved to the police station because it was thought he was feigning illness, died yesterday between 11 o'clock and noon.

Since his incarceration in the cells the Chinaman had repeatedly suffered from a species of fits. On Monday his condition became so critical that the police authorities called in Dr. Gibbs, who had been attending him. At first the doctor was inclined to believe there was nothing the matter with the man, that he was only feigning sickness, but before Dr. Gibbs left the station the Chinaman was seized with one of his fits and during the evening became worse. On Monday evening, Sgt. Carson telephoned Dr. Gibbs and suggested that some one be sent to the station to stay with the Chinaman, but as there was no one available, nothing was done. Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock the Chinaman was again taken with fits. Shortly before noon one of the inmates of the cells called the attention of the officer in charge to the fact that Chau Chow had been strangely quiet. Investigation disclosed the fact that the man had died in his cell.

About 3 o'clock a telephone message was received that the marine hospital would take charge of the man, but it was too late.

Chau Chow, so Dr. Milne, Dominion immigration officer, stated last night, was not under the supervision of the department. He had been admitted to the marine hospital as a patient, as he had a right to be, the steamship company being responsible for him should he have succeeded in escaping. When he arrived at the hospital his condition did not appear at all serious, and as it would have been necessary for the steamship company to have a guard placed to watch him in order to prevent his escaping, it was thought better to send him to the city jail.

An inquest will be held this afternoon into the cause of death. The body was sent to Smith's undertaking rooms awaiting its final disposal.

RETIRE FROM SERVICE OF HUDSON'S BAY CO.

Montague Aldous Resigns Chief Clerkship of the Land Department

Montague Aldous, chief clerk of the land department of the Hudson's Bay company, has retired, and been succeeded by J. W. Anderson.

Mr. Aldous has been a number of years in the land service of the company, first as surveyor under the late C. J. Brydges, afterwards on the staff of J. H. Lawson. On the retirement of Mr. Lawson the work of the land office was amalgamated with the other interests of the company and conducted in the general offices at Winnipeg. Mr. Aldous occupying the position of chief clerk under the general executive.

Mr. Anderson, who succeeds Mr. Aldous, has been for many years in the company's service. He has had an exceptionally good training in connection with the company's land affairs.

Previous to assuming the duties of assistant to the chief clerk of the land department at Winnipeg, Mr. Anderson had charge of the company's large landed interests in British Columbia. He is well and favorably known as an old-time resident of the northwest, and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his promotion.

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late Daniel C. Matheson, aged 22, of Armstrong, B. C., who died on Sunday at the Royal Jubilee hospital, will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from Hanna's chapel, Yates street. Rev. Joseph McCoy will conduct the services. The father of the young man arrived in the city on Monday evening.

The funeral of the late Hugh Caldwell, who died at the Royal Jubilee hospital on Saturday morning last, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Hanna's chapel to Ross Bay cemetery. There was a large attendance of friends of the deceased. The services were conducted by Rev. G. K. B. Adams. The pallbearers were: William Mable, Police Sergeant R. H. Walker, T. M. Brueshaw, W. C. Bryant, J. G. Hay and W. J. Clark.

WHEAT SHIP RETURNS

The British ship Rajore, which sailed from Astoria two weeks ago with a cargo of grain for Europe, was towed back on Saturday with her steering gear disabled and her cargo shifted. The injury is slight and while a survey may be necessary, the delay should not be over a couple of weeks.

Her master reports the French bark Buffon outside, and he saw what he believed to be the Cactor, that has been reported to be off the mouth of the river for the past month.

The British ship Clan Galbraith, now Santa Rosalia, has been chartered for May or June loading at Hastings mills at 50s 3d, hatch cargo, for Cork for orders.

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SCOTCHMEN SPEND A SOCIAL EVENING

Programme of Songs and Native Dances Enjoyed by St. Andrew's Society

Rarely has the St. Andrew's society held a more successful entertainment than the concert and dance which took place last evening in the upper hall in the A. O. U. W. building.

There were present a large number of the members, their wives and friends, and the programme, a short one, proved highly enjoyable. It was followed by refreshments, after which dancing was enjoyed.

P. J. Riddell, the president of the society, opened the concert with a few appropriate remarks. A bagpipe selection was then given by Donald McIvor. Mr. McIvor is a recent arrival in this city from Scotland, and is a piper of much merit. Songs were given by Mrs. R. Wilson, John Melville, John Darby, James Taylor and Ernest Wright. Miss Elina Hill danced the Highland Fling and the Shown Treves, the pipe band concluding the first part of the entertainment.

The society has recently had added to it some thirty young Scotchmen who have recently arrived from the old country, and are working at Esquimalt. The first part of the dancing programme consisted therefore of such old favorites as the Highland Schottische, the Petronella, the Circassian Circle, Flowers of Edinboro and the reels.

Miss Thain's orchestra furnished the music for the balance of the evening.

THE TAMPICO ACCIDENT

Plaint of Sound Journal Because U. S. Tug Was Not Permitted to Tow in Canadian Waters

The current issue of the Railway and Marine News says:

"The Victoria Colonist in a recent issue criticises Railway and Marine News for statements made in connection with an article published in the issue of Nov. 15 relative to the accident to the steamship Tampico.

"The item in question states that this publication obviously entirely ignorant of the law. It goes on to state that the Salvor, or other British vessels, have the right to engage in wrecking British vessels which strand on San Juan, Henry Island, or elsewhere in contiguous waters as long as the wrecking steamers comply with the usual customs regulations.

"There is no question that this is the law as regards vessels that have been wrecked, but in the case of the Tampico that vessel was not a wreck, as she was capable of proceeding under her own steam, and the company simply asked permission to send an American tug to act as convoy on the trip to Seattle. This request was refused and the company was compelled to engage the services of the British tug Lorne, thus losing much valuable time.

"That the Canadian customs officials acted in an arbitrary manner is borne out by the fact that when the Lorne had got well under way and was probably in contiguous waters permission was asked to allow an American tug to relieve the Lorne and permit that vessel to return for the purpose of towing the disabled steamship Cottam City to this port. The granting of this request most certainly would not have been in violation of any law.

"In this same connection it might be stated that the changing of the light which caused the mishap to the Tampico was not made known to the agents of all companies operating in those waters. When Rithet & Co., Victoria agents of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, were requested to learn why no notification of the changing of the light had been received, they were told that the usual procedure in a case of this kind was the publishing of a notice in the daily papers, which notice was later sent to the department at Ottawa and official notice was sent from that point. A search of the files of the Victoria newspapers failed to disclose any such notice. Under the circumstances it could seem that the Canadian customs officials have been somewhat lax in their duties, and that the marine expert of the Colonist is a little premature in criticising this publication in its efforts to secure fair play."

Discussing the accident to the Tampico, Capt. D. B. Whitney, one of the Seattle marine inspectors, said:

"While the decision has not yet been written in this case, there is no doubt but that the pilot and crew will be exonerated from any blame in the matter. The trouble lay in the changing of a buoy, of which the pilot had no warning. Had it been any other kind of a night he would have been able to see that such a change had been made and altered his course accordingly. There is nothing the inspectors can do in regard to notifying American pilots of changes in Canadian lights and buoys. It would be a good scheme to have the notice of changes not only published in the Canadian papers, but in the Sound papers, as well. The greater part of the shipping in Canadian waters comes from this side, and masters and pilots should have due warning of any changes."

M. TURNER'S TRIALS

Four-Master Which Had Escape Off Kyuquot Has Troubles Off Gray's Harbor

The four-master schooner M. Turner, which some years ago was exonerated from a dangerous position by the steamer Queen City when hopelessly among the reefs off Kyuquot, arrived at Hoquiam on Tuesday after a trying voyage, being almost lost when off Gray's Harbor seeking to make port. The schooner arrived with a split foresail, a mizzen sail that would not stand reefing, a new mainsail

without a main gaff, the port anchor gone with sixty fathoms of chain, the first officer under guard in his room. She was 45 days from Guaymas. The vessel was wrecked in a heavy swell off Gray's Harbor when the chains parted.

Capt. J. W. Manke describing what followed, said:

"The sea was running over the ship and, to make matters worse, the mate came aft to know what I was going to do. I said I would make sail and try to save the ship from going on the beach, also the lives of my crew. He then replied: 'What's the good of going to sea? I told him I would go to sea if a chance offered, and it was then our foresail was split by the breakers. He then added 'he hoped all the canvas would go, because then we would go ashore for good.' It was then he muffled and assaulted me, striking me in the face and scratching at my eyes. I ordered him off duty, as the crew had reported he had been asleep on watch several times, and sent him to his cabin to remain there. I set a guard to watch him and gave my attention to my ship and crew. The swells became worse, and we were waiting to see if the starboard anchor would hold out. I had this gone we would have gone ashore.

"We expected every moment to be one last. Both my wife and I made our wills and these we had placed in a bottle, corked it and I was ready to throw it overboard should the worst come. We knew it would be picked up with the wreckage on the beach and the world would know our fate. "At 2 o'clock Thursday we got enough wind to put to sea and went well off shore a hurricane blowing from the northwest struck us, and as we were scudding along before the gale we lost our mainsail, the main gaff breaking into a thousand splinters, and a cap jib. For eight hours we tossed about in this gale and, at daylight, made all sail possible, coming again to the harbor. We made the whistling buoy and stood off all day waiting for a tug and were finally towed into port, forty-five days out from our last port and fifteen days after reaching Gray's Harbor entrance."

A TURBINE STEAMER

It is rumored among steamboat men at Tacoma that the Columbia & Puget Sound Navigation Company, operators of the steamer Flyer, contemplate building a new vessel for the Tacoma-Seattle route to either replace the Flyer, or run in conjunction with that steamer, says the Railway and Marine News of Seattle. The new vessel may be after the lines of the General Cobb, of the Atlantic coast, and fitted with turbine engines. The vessel would be faster than any now on the route and would prove popular with travelers between the two ports. The Flyer, while still a speedy craft, has a strong competitor in the Indianapolis that breaks into the older vessel's trade.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.
From the Orient.
Vessel. From. Due.
Cyclops. Dec. 23
Tango Maru. Dec. 26
Empress of China. Jan. 5
Tremont. Jan. 7
Bellerophon. Jan. 9

From Australia.
Moana. Dec. 18
Maruma. Jan. 15
Orlana. Jan. 30

From Mexico.
Lonsdale. Jan. 15
From Liverpool.
Princess Ena. Oct. 31
Cyclops, sailed. Oct. 12
Bellerophon, sailed. Nov. 9
Ning Chow. Dec. 5

From Skagway.
Princess May. Dec. 18
Northern British Columbia ports.
Queen City. Dec. 23
Camoun (Staunder). Dec. 23
Venture. Dec. 23
Princess Beatrice. Dec. 25

From West Coast.
Amur. Dec. 18
From San Francisco.
City of Puebla. Dec. 20
Governor. Dec. 24
President. Dec. 30
City of Puebla. Jan. 4
Governor. Jan. 9

Sailing Vessels.
Left. Date.
London Hill, Liverpool. May 24
(put into Capetown loading. Aug. 17).
W. F. Balcock, Newcastle. Oct. 15
Jas. Nesmith, Newcastle. Dec. 26
Alta. Newcastle. Dec. 26
Seestern, Callao. Sept. 7
Hillston, Cardiff. Sept. 7
Inverell, Honolulu. Dec. 19
Strathgry, Callao. Dec. 19
Schwarzenbeck, Callao. Nov. 15
Clan Galbraith. Dec. 19
Santa Rosalia. Dec. 19

Steamers to Sail.
For the Orient.
Line. Date.
Empress of Japan. Dec. 23
Shinano Maru. Dec. 24

For Australia.
Kazembe. Dec. 20
Moana. Jan. 3
Georgia. Dec. 31

For Skagway.
Princess May. Dec. 25
For Northern British Columbia ports.
Princess Beatrice. Jan. 1
Vas. Nesmith. Dec. 26
Camoun. Dec. 19
Queen City. Dec. 18

For West Coast.
Tees. Dec. 26
For San Francisco.
President. Dec. 21
City of Puebla. Dec. 26
Governor. Dec. 31
President. Jan. 5
City of Puebla. Jan. 10

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Princess Victoria.
Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p. m. daily.
Leaves Victoria 1 a. m. daily.
Arrives Victoria 6:20 p. m. daily.
Arrives Vancouver 8 a. m. daily.

Victoria-Seattle.
Princess Royal.
Leaves Victoria 3:30 a. m. daily, except Monday.
Leaves Seattle 11:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.

Arrives Seattle 2:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.
Arrives Victoria 7 a. m. daily, except Tuesday.
Chippewa.
Leaves Victoria daily except Thursdays, 4:30 p. m.
Arrives daily except Thursdays 1:30 p. m.

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Joan.

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Leaves Nanaimo Wednesday, a. m. Arrives Union Bay and Comox Wednesday 2 p. m.

Leaves Union Bay and Comox Thursday, 7 a. m.

Arrives Nanaimo Thursday, 2 p. m.

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Mainland News

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR PULP INDUSTRY

New York Expert's View of Situation on the Pacific Coast

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—George F. Hardy, one of the best known consulting pulpwood experts in the United States, reached here today from New York. He has been engaged to report on the plant of the Canadian Sulphide Co., at Swanson bay. Mr. Hardy will leave for the north tomorrow in company with the managing director, J. M. Mackinnon.

"Although this is my first trip to the coast, I am more or less informed respecting the great natural forest wealth of British Columbia," said Mr. Hardy at the Hotel Vancouver today. "There is no doubt of a vast pulpwood industry. It will practically have no limitations, owing to the abundance of raw material, like fir and spruce. The natural markets will be Australia and the Orient."

"The consumption of pulpwood in Eastern Canada and in the United States is yearly assuming larger proportions. The problem of securing raw material is already receiving attention from manufacturers. At the present rate of consumption it is only a question of time until greater precautions for preserving the spruce forests will have to be adopted. Regulations respecting the minimum size of logs cut for paper making have already been adopted by all the large manufacturers. The day is not far distant when they will have to look to the Pacific coast for their raw material. That means the building up of a big industry in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. For the present, and for some years to come, your best market will be on the other side of the Pacific."

FORM DEBATING LEAGUE

Vancouver Church Clubs Plan to Develop Oratorical Talent of Their Members

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The representatives of the various church clubs which will comprise the Inter-Church Debating league conferred last evening and completed organization work. There will be six in the circuit, including Wesley, First Presbyterian, Mount Pleasant, Methodist, First Congregational, St. Andrew's and St. Michael's. This will make a compact league, and the single schedule which it is proposed to carry out will carry the contest up to the end of March, allowing for weekly debates. It was suggested last evening that the debates be mixed, that each side represents two clubs instead of one, but nothing definite was accomplished in this end. It will be referred to the different clubs. The indications are that the season will be a successful one in every respect, and that much good will be achieved through the agency of the league.

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION

New Westminster Asiatic Exclusion League to Keep Watch on Governmental Actions

New Westminster, Dec. 17.—The Asiatic Exclusion league of this city intends keeping a close watch on the actions of the Dominion, provincial and civic authorities in reference to the movement of Chinese and Japanese immigrants. Nine members were appointed at the meeting held last night for that purpose.

The nine members will form themselves into three committees of three members each and one committee will confine itself to watching one or other of the seats of government and reports will be made at each meeting of the league.

A number of addresses were delivered the principal speaker being President Turnbull but the excitement of the evening was provided by a man who arose from the body of the hall, and announcing himself as Teddy Aykies, "a dead broke capitalist," proceeded to address the meeting at length. He was finally persuaded to resume his seat after considerable trouble.

Vancouver Will Toboggan

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The Vancouver Mountaineering club has decided to go in for tobogganing, and Grouse mountain has been selected as the scene of its labors. A supply of toboggans has been ordered, and the club hopes to popularize this exciting sport. At its meeting last night it was decided to hold the first expedition on New Year's day, when the club will tramp to Grouse dam. All wishing to go should address Secretary Jarrett at the Tourist Association rooms.

Escaped from Jail

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Charles Johnson, an alleged burglar, used a skeleton key on the Stevenson jail lock and broke out last night. He was arrested this afternoon in Vancouver.

Duncan River Improvements

Kaslo, Dec. 17.—F. W. Aylmer, Dominion government engineer, is making an examination of the Duncan river, flowing into the north end of Kootenay lake, with a view of clearing it of log jams and so opening it to navigation. The Duncan valley is full of timber, much of which is held by Spokane firms, the Messrs. McGoldrick and others, and has also a large amount of horticultural land.

Lumber Business Improves

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 17.—The timber situation is somewhat improving, owing to the large demands for the timber by the railways building in the west, and also because of the additional demands from the farmers of the northwest now receiving the price of their crops. The Procter sawmill, recently sold by A. E. Watts to R. B. Herron, which was closed down for the winter, is about to resume operations.

Vancouver Civic Candidates

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The Ward Four section met last night and decided to endorse the candidacy of Ald. McDonald for reelection to the council, and named as his running mate ex-Ald. Odium. A telegram was read from Prof. Odium, who is now in Winnipeg, stating that he would stand for the position if such a desire was expressed by the residents of the district. The meeting also endorsed J. B. Mathers for the membership of the park commission.

SLOCAN SHIPMENTS

Mines Sent Out Fair Quantity of Silver, Lead and Zinc During the Month of November

Kaslo, Dec. 17.—Despite the declining prices of silver and lead, ore shipments among the K. & S. Ry. remain fairly good. For the month of November the total output was 25 carloads, or 561 tons. All the silver-lead was consigned to Trail, with the exception of 27 tons of zinc concentrates from the Whitewater Deep, which went to the American Metal Co. at Iola, Kansas. One good feature of last month's shipments has been the increase over the corresponding period last year of 312 tons. The Whitewater Deep heads the list with over half the total tonnage, the Rambler-Cariboo shows a substantial increase, and the American Boy, Slocan Sovereign and Reco reappear on the shipping list. The following is the November tonnage and the mines contributing:

Mine	Tons
Rambler-Cariboo, crude ore	130
Whitewater Deep, concentrates	253
Montezuma, concentrates	21
Whitewater Deep, zinc to Kansas	27
American Boy, crude ore	46
Ruth, crude ore	44
Slocan Sovereign, crude ore	40
Ruth, crude ore	64
Reco, crude ore	20
Total for month	564
Same month last year	252
Increase	312

STEMWINDER MINE

Recent Development Work Appears to Have Uncovered Supplies of Good Ore

Fairview, Dec. 17.—The work at the Stemwinder is making good progress in the shaft and also above ground. The machinery for the hoist is ordered and will be on hand in due time.

The old saying, "Fortune favors the brave," is true of Mr. Ross and other members of the Stemwinder company. Last week in the vertical shaft at the 500-foot level a very large ledge of good ore was cut into. This is the south ledge which has never been found below the surface before, and this will doubtless double the ore supply of the mine. The width of the ledge is not yet known, as the shaft is all in ore and no foot-wall reached. As soon as the vein is cross cut and the width ascertained the main and north ledges, on the 500-foot level, will be opened up, which will require 120 feet of cross-cutting to the north, and if they show up as on the 400-foot level the possibilities of the mine will be immense.

The shaft is now being sunk to the 600-foot level, and confidence in the success of the whole enterprise is unbounded. In all probability a comprehensive system of diamond-drilling will be inaugurated either at the 600 or 600-foot level, or both, to go hand in hand with development, and by this means data may be obtained to enable the company to make a reasonably close estimate of the immediate resources of the mine.

VANCOUVER WANTS AN APPROPRIATION

Will Request Dominion to Grant \$200,000 for Improvement of False Creek

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—A formal request for a definite appropriation for the improvement of False Creek was made by the city council last night, the amount named in the resolution being \$200,000. The measure was introduced by Ald. Ramsay and Bird, and directed that the city solicitor prepare a manifesto in support of the requested appropriation, setting forth the improvements now contemplated by the city in the line of new bridges as well as the importance of the creek location for industrial sites. Ald. Hepburn stated that he interviewed Hon. Wm. Tompkinson during his last visit to the city and pressed the question of improvement work at False Creek and the Narrows, saying that this was the kind of "better terms" the province wanted. Mr. Tompkinson had replied that he thought a statement as to the details of the shore line of the creek would be given out shortly. He also intimated that the government might be induced to make a start on the improvement of the creek.

The resolution carrying with it a request that the sum mentioned should be placed in the estimates for 1908, was carried unanimously. Ald. Brydone-Jack and Mills fathered another resolution which met with unanimous approval. This calls upon the provincial government to make use of the unemployed now operating in D. L. 361 for the opening of the boundary road between that district and the city, the civic authorities to undertake half the work, each section employing fifty men.

Conservative Smoker

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—An unqualified success was the smoker given by the Conservatives of Ward Five last evening. Many from other parts of the city were present, including officers from the central executive, and the commodious hall over Lee's grocery in Mount Pleasant was none too large to accommodate the happy company.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Tommy Burns Has Undisputed Right to the Title at Present

Malachy Hogan, the Chicago boxing referee, in his weekly pugilistic review in the Record-Herald has the following:

"Tommy Burns now holds two titles by right. He is champion of England through beating Moir and of Australia by winning from Squires. He is generally recognized as the champion of America, and if Jeffries was known to be definitely in retirement, he could lay claim, without contradiction, to the world's honors."

"In the last week I have been asked several times about that pet argument of those who like to discuss old-ring affairs—to-wit: who was the champion of the world within the last 25 years, and whether John L. Sullivan was a world's champion."

"It may interest some persons to know that Sullivan himself admits he was never world's champion, as in his days of leadership in the American ring he never defeated Charley Mitchell, the recognized champion of England, in a regulation championship bout. It is true he received a verdict over Mitchell in Madison Square Garden, when the police stopped what was to have been a four-round bout, but this go had previously been labeled merely an exhibition affair. If that verdict carried a championship with it, then Jack Munro would have to be put down as bearer of the world's laurels in the time between his victory over Jeffries and the subsequent meeting in which Jim wiped out his claims to premier position."

"Corbett was really the first world's champion, as he defeated both Sullivan, the best American boxer, and Charley Mitchell, the admitted champion of England. When Fitzsimmons loomed up as a contender in the heavy weight class, he clinched his own claim to the championship by knocking out Corbett at Carson City. Prior to his appearance the Australian boxers had been best represented by Peter Jackson, with whom Corbett drew in their noted battle."

"Sullivan, on his theatrical tours, was always heralded as champion of the world, and there is no doubt that in the minds of those who follow the American ring he will always stand as an ideal type of what a champion should be. But he himself says that the title of champion of America would always have satisfied him."

DATE FOR ORMONDE MEET

New York, Dec. 16.—The contest committee of the Automobile Club of Ormonde, Fla., will be held during the first week in March. The big event will be a 250-mile race, in which nothing but racing cars will enter. In order to prevent the use of racing machines built for great speed at short distance the committee announces that cars competing in the short races must enter in either the 250-mile race or one of the two 150-mile races which will be held, and must maintain a speed in that race of at least fifty miles an hour.

PIGEON FLYING RECORD

Minneapolis Bird, Tornado, Covers 600 Miles in Fifteen Hours

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—At the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the International Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, the best record for the year was awarded to Tornado, belonging to Fred May of Minneapolis, with a flight of 600 miles in fifteen hours. Another record flight was by a bird owned by Dr. John Schilling of Fort Wayne, Ind., which covered 1,000 miles in forty-seven hours.

George F. Kuett of Peterson, N. J., was elected president, and William Verrinder of Jersey City, secretary and treasurer.

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NELSON FIGHT FANS BUNKED

Jack Fitzsimmons lays down to Barney Mullin in Fifteenth

Nelson, Dec. 16.—Barney Mullin got the decision over Jack Fitzsimmons to-night in what was to have been a 15-round fight in the opera house. Fitz laid down in the round and claimed a foul. The fight proved a fizzle. The house was crowded to the doors.

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NINETIETH BIRTHDAY OF BISHOP CRIDGE

Patriarch Receives Congratulations From a Host of Friends

Surrounded by a few survivors of the band of friends who were present at old Fort Victoria when he began his life work in this province, the Right Reverend Bishop Cridge received the congratulations of a host of friends and acquaintances at his residence, Marfield, Government street, yesterday, upon his attaining his ninetieth birthday.

All afternoon they filed into the presence of the aged divine, who still hale and hearty, sat by the fire in the drawingroom, exchanging handshakes with the throng of well-wishers and a few words with each. An address of congratulation from the congregation of the Church of Our Lord, which was signed by many others also, was read by Senator McDonald, while on behalf of the corporation, Ald. Fell, who with Mayor Atoray and Ald. Henderson, were present as a deputation, offered a resolution which had been adopted at the last council meeting. To each the bishop responded. A purse of \$205 in gold, which had been collected by Mrs. Fleet, was presented on behalf of the subscribers by Rear Admiral Fleet.

Coming to Victoria in his thirty-eighth year, Bishop Cridge has been a resident of the island for nearly 53 years. He has seen Victoria grow from a Hudson's Bay fort to its present size and beauty—the capital city of the thriving province of British Columbia. He has seen the older generation die away and their places taken by their children, many of whom he has baptised or married and now full of years and of honor he is passing the autumn of his life in the city where his best years of service were rendered.

Born at Bratton Fleming, Devonshire, England, December 17, 1818, he commenced his career as third master of Oundle grammar school, after which he entered St. Peter's college, Cambridge, where he was Gresham scholar, and graduated with the degree of B. A. After his ordination to the priesthood of the Church of England, he became curate at North Walsham and second master of the grammar school of that place. Subsequently from 1851-54, he was incumbent of Christ church, Stratford, Essex.

In 1855, he was appointed chaplain to the Hudson's Bay company and district clergyman at Victoria, B. C., whither he at once proceeded via the Sandwich islands, his voyage out lasting six months. He was until 1874, rector of the Victoria district church, which, until 1879, was the only church in the colony, and filled the office of dean. In 1874 he left the Church of England and joined the Reformed Episcopal church, becoming rector of the Church of Our Lord the same year. In 1876 he was elected a bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church at a convention of delegates held in Ottawa, his diocese including British Columbia, and all states and territories west of the Rock mountains. In 1895 he received the honorary degree of D.D. from the Presbyterian college, Montreal.

Alexander Begg, C.C., the historian of British Columbia, referred to him as "A man of sound views and full of benevolence and energy." His 52 years of ministry in this city have endeared Bishop Cridge to a very large circle of friends, which has constantly widened and though of late years his age has prevented his taking the same active part in the services of the church, he has nevertheless displayed a very active interest therein. Not his parishioners alone, but the entire community has learned to look upon the bishop as a friend, and he has been often termed "the Grand Old Man of British Columbia."

At the Reception
Amongst those who gathered at the informal reception at his residence yesterday, were Hon. J. S. Helmcken, M.D., his oldest surviving friend, Senator and Mrs. McDonald, ex-Mayor Charles Hayward, Admiral and Mrs. Fleet, Dr. J. D. and Mrs. Helmcken, H. Dallas and Mrs. Helmcken, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. T. W. and Mrs. Gladstone, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, E. Fawcett and family, R. S. Day, Mr. Dobson, Mr. Richardson, Hon. Abraham and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. S. A. Spencer, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Miss Robertson, Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mrs. and Miss E. M. and Mrs. T. Fawcett, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Mrs. Penelope and Miss Wilson, A. W. Lesieur, Mrs. Beauland, and many others.

Bishop Cridge, with his daughters, Miss Cridge and Mrs. Laundry, with the latter's husband and "the twins," received in the drawingrooms of the bishop's residence, Marfield.

Address is Presented
Senator McDonald on behalf of the friends of the bishop, read the following address:

To the Right Rev. Edward Cridge, D. D., Victoria, B. C.:
We, a few of your many friends in the city of Victoria, desire to congratulate you most heartily on this the ninetieth anniversary of your birth.

It is an event of no common interest to us, for not alone are your lengthening years a source of pleasure and delight to all who know you, but standing as you do in the forefront of the band of pioneers who saw this city in its beginning, and this province in its infancy, you are a link between the present time and the dawn of civilization on our island shores.

We hope that many more years may be added to your honored life, rich with the love, esteem and kindly offices and ministrations of an ever widening circle of friends and well wishers, and that your work, indissolubly bound to the fruitful past may yield a still richer harvest in years to come. Indeed, we are assured that as, under the increasing infirmities of age, you rest, to some extent from your labors, the seeds of truth and righteousness you have implanted in many minds, are bringing forth much fruit and that your good works do follow you.

Accept our congratulations and best wishes on this 17th day of December, 1907, as we assure you in person and by hand of our esteem and regard, and believe us to be, ever your sincere friends.

W. J. Macdonald, Robert S. Day, H. Dallas Helmcken, Edythe M. Fleet, Lillian C. Macdonald, Arthur Beauland, Chas. E. Redfern, W. H. Bone, W. Walker, Sophie T. Beauland, Ethel M. Shalleress, Mr. and Mrs. Stadthagen, James W. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Edward White, S. Y. Wootton, Herbert Dodgson, J. H. S. Sweet, Mrs. A. A. Townsend, George J. Harvey, J. Payne, Le Sueur, N. Robertson, F. Bryn Le Sueur, Rear Admiral E. Fleet, Mrs. A. Holmes, J. Travis, Alice M. Carr, Mrs. Thomas, C. H. Thomas, M. M. Ella, Chas. Hayward, Cathrin Macdonald, Edith L. Higgins, J. D. Harvey, C. J. Stevenson, J. P. Hibben, R. Wolfenden, Gertrude H. H. Mackay, Aime Mackay, T. L. Neale, S. Macdure, E. E. Wootton, Frances Wootton, Anne J. Fawcett, Henry Harkness, R. H. Rogers, Francis Giles, A. Johnson, W. H. Loat, Fanny Mason, J. A. Britt, W. S. Day, Josephine D. Colquhoun, J. Colquhoun, Cecilia M. Helmcken, W. H. Wilson, Lamburn, Edith M. Lawson, Angela, Christian, F. Hughes, C. A. McTavish, Captain A. D. Macdonald, Abraham E. Smith, Dorothy McTavish, Reta McTavish, Willie Fleet, L. S. Gladstone, L. Laundry, S. J. Booth, R. W. Day, Dorothy Day, Edith M. Lawson, Jennie L. Lawson, Mrs. A. E. Smith, Walter S. Fraser, Florence Fraser, A. T. Frampton, F. M. Frampton, E. Hutchins, Arthur H. Harman, E. Harman, V. Harman, M. Harman, M. Kito, S. E. Cowper, Maud M. Frampton, Elizabeth E. Cave, Ethel Helmcken, H. J. Helmcken, T. H. Laundry, Keith B. Frampton, Mrs. Mallandaine, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Spencer, Mrs. B. W. Pearce, Mrs. S. S. Burt, F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. Elliot H. King, Mrs. Wootton, James A. Bland, Mrs. E. B. Kito and family, Mrs. F. M. Rattenbury, Mrs. Wark, Miss Wark, Flora Hamilton Burns, Gavin H. Burns, Sydney A. Roberts, W. B. Anderson, Noah Shakespeare, Mrs. J. S. Bowker, Harry Fuller, Henry Young, R. W. Fawcett, R. G. Cunningham, John A. Bryant, Anthony C. Mount, Charles E. Dickinson, Tamsie Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, M. Ella, Louisa M. B. Dodds, George A. Richardson, J. S. Helmcken, Richard McBride, Emma McCandlish, Somerled Burns, Edith Fleet her mark, Torquell Burns, Grace M. M. Parshall, L. D. Helmcken, Mrs. S. M. Englehardt, James P. Hibben, Thomas W. Gladstone, Arthur Davies, Lady Crease, L. R. Crease, Arthur Berwick, Mrs. Edward Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent, Mrs. C. Loat, Henry Martyn, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, Penelope Wilson, Olivia Wilson, Dr. J. D. and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Anne Wilson, Mrs. S. Reid, Mrs. W. West Wilson, M. A. Ogerhaus, Mrs. M. F. Barron, Fred G. Worlock, E. Bellington, Capt. and Mrs. George, Hilda Harris, Olive Day, Ralph Wilson, Mabel Miller, Augustus Lester, Kate Abbott, Denise Harris, Charlie Brown, H. A. Newbury, Margaret L. Gladstone, Winifred E. Wilson, Edith Carr, Mrs. James Sheppard, E. A. Macdonald, John Nicholson, W. E. Stanchand, Mr. and Mrs. E. Elworthy, M. D. Harris, Flora Macdonald Burns.

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Bishop Cridge's Reply

Bishop Cridge amidst hearty hand-clapping rose to reply. In a voice tremulous with emotion he thanked the friends who had been so kind to him on this, his ninetieth birthday. He was accustomed to receiving kindness from the people of his church and the people of Victoria. While he had attained to a greater age than the ordinary allotted span of mankind, he could truly say with the patriarch "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." He had seen perhaps more than the ordinary man and these had been full of trouble, but the latter had been alleviated by the sympathy and efforts of his friends. In the ordinary course of nature he could not hope to live much longer but he was thankful that whatever fate befell him, he was prepared to face it with the help of God.

"Auld Lang Syne"

As he concluded amidst the hearty applause of all, Hon. J. S. Helmcken himself 82 years of age struck up "Auld Lang Syne" and through two verses of the song he led the singing. At the conclusion, Admiral Fleet stepped forward and in a few well-chosen words presented the purse of \$205 in gold which Mrs. Fleet had collected.

Bishop Cridge was quite overcome and maintained amidst cries of "No, no," that people were far kinder to him than he had ever merited.

City's Good Wishes

After an interval of handshaking and the arrival of additional callers, Ald. Fell, who with the mayor and Ald. Henderson, were present on behalf of the city, read the following resolution:

"That this council desires to extend its cordial congratulations to the Right Reverend Bishop Cridge upon the fact of his having reached the ninetieth anniversary of his birthday. The council's congratulations are heightened by the remembrances of his long and useful life and of the very great respect and esteem which the right reverend gentleman is held by all classes of the community. The council further desires to express the hope that he may even yet be long spared to the city, where he has been so long distinguished for his charitable spirit and good works, and to the profession of which he has been for so many years an honored member."

Replies to Delegation

His lordship, in a few words replied to the delegation, thanking the council for its thoughtfulness and kindness in remembering him.

At the conclusion tea was served by a number of ladies.

Bishop Cridge seemed none the worse for the strain and excitement which attended the celebration.

Conversation at Table

She was a wise mother who made it a fixed rule that unpleasant or disagreeable topics of every kind should be avoided at the table. Each meal in that home was a kind of a family reunion, and there was a sort of esprit de corps that counted for much money and good cheer. Here is a bit of excellent advice regarding the conduct of the family when they gather together at meal time: "At the end of each day, when the family is together, let each one tell the little happenings of his or her day—the bright bits and the unhappy things as well, when they will call forth the sympathy that is so precious to us all, the sympathy of those near and dear to us, and the helpful words of advice from a source we know will put forth nothing selfish or unwise." The unhappy things in the way of complaint or sharp criticism of others are the things that should be avoided at the table, and at all times in the home, for that matter.—J. L. Harbour.

Versatility of the Kaiser

The Kaiser has given his views about street architecture to a Berlin sculptor, who recently received an order for a new statue to be raised in the Tiergarten. According to his majesty, the general appearance of the streets of most modern cities is far too monotonous to be pleasing. The sky line is in most cases far too even. It should be broken up by more irregular roofs.

Nor does he like the modern way of building houses flush with the street. Smart gardens in front are often delightful and restful to the eyes. Even the slight alleviation of area railings is preferable to the existing ugliness. Architects also should study color and diversify their facades. The Kaiser mentioned two cities as examples of what he would like to see—the Bavarian Nuremberg and the English Chester.

Then, according to the Kaiser, there should be a picturesque extension of the commercial life of a city into its streets. He thinks the police are far too vigorous in this respect. He would like to see traders trading in the public streets. He would, above all, like to see artisans at work in front of their shops, just as they worked in the olden days.

He is also an advocate of drinking fountains in every street and public place, with copious streams of pure water. Nothing enriches a street vista so much as an ornamental drinking fountain. The Kaiser would also like to see an extension of arcades and galleries, the galleries connecting main streets, instead of the unpleasant narrow lanes so common in all great modern cities.

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To be Incorporated by Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada

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In 20,000 Shares of \$100 Each, with \$10 Premium

The Following Have Applied for Incorporation and Will Be the Provisional Directors:

T. W. PATERSON, ESQ., Capitalist, Victoria,
British Columbia

J. A. MITCHELL, ESQ., Capitalist, Victoria,
British Columbia

F. W. JONES, ESQ., Lumberman, Victoria,
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W. H. MALKIN, ESQ., W. H. Malkin Co., Ltd.,
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Co., Brokers, Vancouver, B. C.

J. A. HARVEY, ESQ., K. C., Cranbrook, B. C.

SOLICITOR

George H. Cowan, Esq., K. C., Vancouver, B. C.

TRUSTEES

Yorkshire Guarantee and Securities Corporation, Vancouver, B. C.

The Chartered Bank of British Columbia is being formed to meet in part the increased banking accommodation required by the natural and steady expansion of business, coincident with the great development of the country and especially of British Columbia, and, while organizing to conduct a general banking business, will give special consideration to the industries and commerce of the Province, and is being established primarily for this purpose, and through its connections in Great Britain, the United States and Eastern Canada, it will be able to greatly facilitate the investment of outside capital in the various enterprises of the Province.

British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in lumber and minerals largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central, Northern Interior, and Vancouver Island, by railway construction, will be immensely benefited by the establishment of a Chartered Bank having its **CHIEF OFFICE** in the Province, and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

Under the Banking Laws of Canada, a Chartered Bank has also this additional earning power—that for every dollar of paid-up capital it can issue its bills to that amount, thus doubling the earning power of its stockholders' money.

For instance, the Authorized Capital of the Chartered Bank of British Columbia is \$2,000,000.

If this were fully paid up the Bank could issue \$2,000,000 in bills, thus earning for its stockholders dividends on \$4,000,000, giving the Bank a double earning power on its capital.

The profits on bank stock are distributed to the stockholders in two ways:

1. Dividends paid direct to the stockholders.
2. Profits over and above dividends placed to Rest Account, which increases the value of their stock.

It is therefore scarcely necessary to point out that the shares of chartered banks in Canada are recognized as being among the safest and most profitable of investments.

Bank Stock offers to the investor:

- (1) A safe investment.
- (2) An investment easily convertible.
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- (4) An investment increasing in value.

The opportunity for investment in the stock of a new bank in Canada is rare.

It is impossible to get stock in a Chartered Bank at other than market prices.

The stock of a Chartered Bank that has been going for some time sells so readily that it must be purchased at the large premiums at which the shares sell in the open market.

Banks have the power of easily increasing the amount of their Capital Stock; but whenever they do so, the new stock must first be offered pro rata to existing shareholders.

In every case where this has been done, the existing shareholders have taken up the whole of the issue, and the general public has been unable to obtain any part of it.

The following table shows what some Canadian Banks have done in the past for their shareholders:

BANK.	Per Value.	Present Selling Price.	Annual Dividends Now Paid.
Montreal	\$100	\$235	10 per cent.
Commerce	100	160	8 "
Nova Scotia	100	270	12 "
British	100	155	7 "
Merchants	100	156	8 "
Dominion	100	220	12 "
Toronto	100	202	10 "
Royal	100	225	10 "
Hamilton	100	185	10 "
Traders	100	125	7 "
Imperial	100	198	11 "
Standard	100	213	12 "
Molsons	100	190	10 "
Eastern Townships	100	156	8 "
Ottawa	100	215	10 "

The actual returns of existing Canadian Banking Institutions to shareholders, after setting aside a portion of the yearly earnings as a "Reserve Fund" or "Rest Account," have ranged for the past ten years from six to as high as twelve per cent. per annum, and payable half-yearly.

During recent years the earnings of many Chartered Banks in Canada have been over fifteen per cent. per annum.

Directors

The gentlemen who have consented to act as Provisional Directors are large stockholders, who have been successful in their own business affairs, and in whom the public have the highest confidence.

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Arrangements have been made whereby the office of General Manager will be filled by a well known and experienced banker.

Terms of Subscription

The terms of subscription are \$10 premium on each share upon the signing of subscription, \$10 upon each share of stock within 30 days after date of subscription, and \$10 on each share of stock upon allotment by the Provisional Directors, and eight equal monthly payments of \$10 each per share, the first of such payments to be made thirty days after allotment, and the succeeding payments at intervals of thirty days. On payments made in advance of monthly instalments, interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed.

Applications for Stock

Applications for stock may be made to the Secretary of The Chartered Bank of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. All cheques, drafts, money orders and other remittances on account of subscriptions for stock should be made payable to The Yorkshire Guarantee & Securities Corporation, Vancouver, B.C.

Subscription Forms

For further information, or forms of subscriptions for stock, address

A. L. DEWAR, Secretary,
Vancouver, B.C.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

APPLES SCARCER ON THE LOCAL MARKET

Prices Have Been Advanced—
No Change in Other Lines

Apples are becoming scarce on the local market and as a result prices have been advanced. Stocks are being rapidly cleaned up and arrivals are not up to the volume of previous receipts. Prices have been advanced to \$2 and \$2.25 per box. In other lines of fruit there has been little or no change. In all lines of Christmas fruits and specialties there is a liberal supply and the demand this year is greater than in previous seasons. Potatoes are in good supply at prices holding at the recent decline. In dairy products there is no change this week. Eggs are arriving from the east in the same quality and prices remain the same as last quoted. There is still a scarcity of fresh butter and dealers state that in view of the high price the demand had not been as large as usual.

Retail prices of flour have not followed the decline in the wholesale price made last week, of twenty cents a barrel. Advice from the east indicates that the decline was the result of a difference between the milling companies and dealers here are expecting that the price will soon be restored to the former figure.

In other lines there has been no change in prices. Local retail prices are quoted as follows:

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00
Royal Standard	\$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75
Calgary, a bag	\$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	\$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	\$1.75
Snowflake, per bbl.	\$17.50
Moffet's Best, per sack	\$2.04
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	\$17.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$1.75
Three Star, per sack	\$2.00
Foodstuffs.	
Brain, per ton	\$30.00
Shorts, per ton	\$32.00
Feed Wheat, per ton	\$32.00
Oats, per ton	\$32.00
Barley, per ton	\$31.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$25.00
Cornmeal, per ton	\$38.00

Vegetables.

Chop Feed, best, per ton	\$27.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	\$26.00
Middlings, per ton	\$30.00
Vegetables.	
Celery, four heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, 3 heads	10
Garlic, per lb.	10
Onions, local, per lb.	6
Potatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs.	25
Sweet Potatoes, new, 4 lbs.	\$1.75
Vegetable marrow, each	10 to 25
Green peppers, each	3
Chili peppers, per lb.	30
Squash, per lb.	4
Cauliflower, per lb.	15 to 25
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5

Dairy Produce.

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	70
Cooking, per dozen	40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	25
Neufchatel, each	10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best, dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	50
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	50
Delta Creamery, per lb.	30
Butter, cooking, per lb.	30

Fruit.

Quince, per lb.	10
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	30 to 50
Lemons, per dozen	20
Pigs, cooking, per lb.	\$5 to 10
Apples, local, per box	2.00 to 2.25
Apples, California, per basket	60
Bananas, per dozen	35
Pineapples, each	75
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	25
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, Com., per basket	1.00
Pineapples, each	1.00
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20

Nuts.

Walnuts, per lb.	30
Almonds, Jordan, per lb.	25
Almonds, California, per lb.	20
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	20
Chestnuts, per lb.	20

Fish.

Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 12
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 10
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Pilchard, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	8
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	20
Clams, per lb.	5
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50

Meat and Poultry.

Lamb, per lb.	15 to 25
Mutton, per lb.	12 to 20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12 to 15
Goose, dressed, per lb.	15 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb., live weight	12 to 15
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	50
Tabbits, dressed, each	50 to 65
Hare, dressed, each	75
Ham, per lb.	25 to 30
Bacon, per lb.	25 to 30
Beef, per lb.	8 to 18
Pork, dressed, per lb.	15 to 18

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

By F. W. Stevenson.	
Chicago, Dec. 17, 1907.	
Open, High, Low, Close.	
Wheat No. 2—	102 1/4 105 1/4 102 1/4 105 1/4
May	96 1/2 99 1/4 96 1/2 99 1/4
July	96 1/2 99 1/4 96 1/2 99 1/4
Corn No. 2—	57 1/4 59 1/4 57 1/4 59 1/4
May	56 1/2 58 1/2 56 1/2 58 1/2
July	56 1/2 58 1/2 56 1/2 58 1/2
Oats No. 2—	52 53 51 52
May	45 46 45 46
July	45 46 45 46
Pork—	12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2
May	12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2
July	12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2
Liverpool Wheat—	78 10 1/2 78 10 1/2

MONTREAL STOCKS.

By Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., 519 Grandville street, Vancouver.	
Sellers. Buyers.	
Molson's	130 184
Merchants	125 151
Union	125 159
Commerce	81 1/2 80 1/2
Twin City	81 1/2 81
Mont. Heat and Power	115 115
Ogilvie's	112 1/2 112 1/2
Ogilvie's Bonds	177 176 1/2
Montreal Street Railway	94 1/2 93 1/2
Toronto Street Railway	41 23
Dominion Coal, com.	55 1/2 54 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel, com.	119 148
Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal	153
Can. Pac. Ry., London	153

On Wall Street

New York, Dec. 17.—The decline which had its origin in American smelting and Reading was checked and another rally started which carried

Reading to above 90 and lifted the western stocks fractionally above yesterday's closing. The metal stocks showed more steadiness, the support to American smelting having a good effect on the rest of the group. Delaware & Hudson advanced 1 1/2, and W. U. one.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.	
New York, Dec. 17, 1907.	
Open, High, Low, Close.	
Amal. Copper	43 1/2 43 1/2 42 1/2 43 1/2
Am. Car. Ply.	27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2
Am. Cot. Oil	27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2
Am. Loco.	35 35 34 1/2 35
Am. Smelter	68 1/2 68 1/2 67 3/4 68 1/2
do pfld	95 1/2 95 1/2 94 1/2 95 1/2
Am. Sugar	15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2
Am. Woods	15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2
Anaconda	26 1/2 26 1/2 25 3/4 26 1/2
Atchafalpa	70 70 69 1/2 70
B. and O.	80 1/2 80 1/2 79 3/4 80 1/2
do pfld	101 1/2 101 1/2 100 1/2 101 1/2
B. R. T.	38 1/2 38 1/2 37 3/4 38 1/2
Cent. Leather	15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2
C. F. and L.	18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2
C. and O.	28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2
C. and G. W.	74 1/2 74 1/2 74 1/2 74 1/2
C. M. & P.	101 1/2 101 1/2 101 1/2 101 1/2
C. T. and T.	101 1/2 101 1/2 101 1/2 101 1/2
D. and R. G.	19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2
Erie	15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2
Gen. N. Y.	115 1/2 115 1/2 115 1/2 115 1/2
Gen. N. Y. pfld	89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2
M. S. P. & SSM	77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2
do pfld	117 117
Mo. Pac.	50 48 1/2 48 1/2 48 1/2
N. Y. Cent.	94 1/2 94 1/2 94 1/2 94 1/2
N. Y. O. and W.	31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2
Nor. Pac.	113 1/2 113 1/2 113 1/2 113 1/2
Penn.	110 1/2 110 1/2 110 1/2 110 1/2
People's Gas	77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2
People's W.	18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2
Per. Steel Car	19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2
Reading	89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2
Rock Island	14 1/2 14 1/2 14 1/2 14 1/2
do pfld	28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2
So. Pac.	71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2
do pfld	107 1/2 107 1/2 107 1/2 107 1/2
So. Ry.	12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2
Union Pac.	111 1/2 111 1/2 111 1/2 111 1/2
U. S. Steel	25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2
do pfld	86 1/2 86 1/2 86 1/2 86 1/2
West. Union	55 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2
Total sales, 523,300 shares.	
Money on call 6 per cent.	

Wheat in New York

New York, Dec. 17.—Wheat receipts \$5,000; exports, 48,152; sales, 3,800,000; futures, 42,000 spot. Spot strong. After a sharp opening drop in flour, caused by easier cables, wheat turned strong, and advanced nearly two cents from the low point. The rise was on reports of rain in Argentine, heavy covering and export rumors. Last prices showed 2c to 2 1/2c advance. December closed 106 1/2; May, 109 1/4; closed, 106 1/2.

Prices of Metals

New York, Dec. 17.—Pig iron, quiet. Copper, weak. Lead, weak, 3.40@3.50.

Tin, weak, straights, 25.37@26. Spelter, weak; domestic, 4.25.

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

Temporary Trading Stock.	
Bid. Asked.	
Alberta Coal and Coke Co.	30 30
B. C. Copper Co.	4.10 4.50
Burlon Saw Works	1.20 1.27
Caribou Camp McKimney	1 1/2 2 1/2
Dominion Copper Co.	1.75 2.15
Granby	55.00 90.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	80 105
Imperial Trust Co.	100 105
Portland Canal	25 25
Rambler Caribou	18 21 1/2
Sullivan Corporation	6 1/2 7 1/2
Western	1 1.00

Coeur D'Alene Stocks.

Bid. Asked.	
Alameda	4 1/2 4 1/2
Charles Dickens	8 9
Gertie	3 1/2 3 1/2
Humming Bird	6 6
Idom	1 1/2 1 1/2
Missoula Copper	1 1/2 1 1/2
Nabob	3 3 1/2
O. K. Con.	1 8
Oom Paul	1 1 1/2
Rex	1 1 1/2
Snow Storm	1.00 1.20
Stewart	40 80
Tamarac and Chesapeake	40 80
Wonder	1 1 1/2

Sales—1,000 Charles Dickens at 7 1/2, 1,000 Charles Dickens at 8.

STOCKS AND SHARES

2,000 American Canadian	15
Oil	10.00
22 Victoria Sealing Co.	10.00
10 or 20 Pacific Whaling	100.00
Co.	100.00
5,000 Alaska Northwest	25
2,000 Copper Mountain	14
500 Mount Sicker and Brenton	103.00
12 Northern Bank	103.00

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN
HARDWICK—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hardwick, at Nithnat Cottage, Oak Bay Avenue, on Dec. 17, a daughter.

DIED
BLANCHARD—On the 16th inst. H. S. Blanchard, a native of Devonshire, England, age 44 years, leaving widow and two sons.
Funeral will take place from the residence, Craigflower Road, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.
Friends please accept this intimation.

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(Too late for Classification)

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FOR SALE—150 hens and pullets. Apply George Bridges, Mount Tolmie, d18

THE Companions of the Forest will hold a dance in Sir William Wallace hall, on Thursday, 19th. Admission 50c a couple; extra lady 25c. d18

TO LET—Comfortable front room; suit two gentlemen, \$10 per month; board if desired, rates moderate. 919 Chatham St. d18

AGENTS requiring employment in following lines, Cutlery and Books or Accident Insurance, large commissions. For particulars apply Employer, Colonist office. d18

FOR SALE—Holly—Fine berried holly at 20 cents a lb. in large or small quantities. Box 481, Colonist office. d18

WANTED—To rent, immediately, 4 or 5 roomed furnished cottage. Apply Box 486, Colonist. d18

LOST—Lady's gold watch and chain on Government St. Reward on returning to this office. d18

WANTED—Carpenter wants work, any kind. Box 390, Colonist. d18

PSYCHIC MEDIUM.
MR. H. E. HOWES, psychic medium and healer, can be consulted daily. Room 7, Vernon Buildings. d18

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.
FOR SALE—Five good milking cows, six rising two-year-old heifers and three heifers; some will be fresh in February. Prices reasonable. Good opportunity to stock ranch. Apply V. H. Wetmore, Healy's P. O. d18

LOST—Small gold baby pin. Hawkhurst & Hayward. d18

WANTED—Experienced saleslady for retail store; state age and salary expected. P. O. Box 568. d18

FURNISHED SUITE or small cottage, furnished, wanted early January, desirable location required. Address full particulars to Box 487, Colonist. d18

LOST—On Government or Fort St. lady's gold curb chain bracelet. Reward at Bank of Montreal. d18

WANTED—Typewriter's desk. Reply Box 188, Colonist. d18

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See Our Display of Xmas Gifts

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Silk Umbrellas Fitted Suit Cases
Valises Bags Gloves Ties Night Robes

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J. F. B. Secretary.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated October 23, 1906, covering Township 4, Range V, Coast District, and the reserve notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated October 31st, 1906, covering Townships 1a, 2a, and 3, Range V, Coast District, has been cancelled inasmuch as the same reserves effect the acquisition of said lands by pre-emption only.

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ROBT. A. RENWICK, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works department, Victoria, B. C., Sept. 23, 1907.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills.

The time limited by the rules of the house for the presentation of petitions for leave to introduce private bills expires on Monday, 27 January, 1908.

Bills must be presented to the house by Thursday, 4th February, 1908.

Reports on bills will not be received after Thursday, 13th February, 1908.

Copies of the bill, petition and notices must be deposited with the undersigned, and the house fees paid, not later than Wednesday, 8th January, 1908.

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And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

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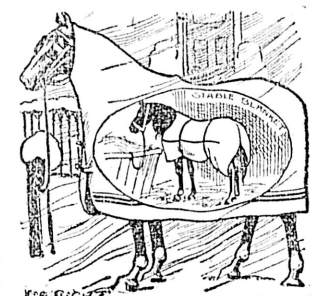
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The Three Keltons are running them a close race for first place in the appreciation of the patrons. This musical act was seen at the Grand many months ago, and is making just as big a hit this week as it did then. Little Gladys, champion xylophone soloist and buck dancer, is the star of the trio, and the act consists of xylophone playing by the three, cornet solos by Mrs. Kelton, trick buck dancing by Gladys, and a grand finale in which Mrs. Kelton plays the cornet, Mr. Kelton the trombone, and Gladys shows her versatility by playing at one time on two drums, xylophone and cymbals. Walter McCulloch presents the one-man tragedy, "The Absinthe Fiend," and does it well, displaying considerable histrionic ability. Augusta Neilson is a soprano soloist with a sweet voice of good quality and range, and is well received in classical and popular selections. Fahman and Raymond present a sketch they call "Compliments." Thus J. Price is singing the best illustrated song that has been heard in the house. It is entitled "As Long as the World Rolls On," and just the thing necessary to display Mr. Price's powerful baritone to the best advantage. The other numbers are good moving pictures, and the overture "The Serenade," by Victor Herbert, by the orchestra.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The coming of Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin on Saturday next, matinee and night, to the Victoria theatre, reminds the writer of the firm hold the old songs, as well as the old play, has on public favor. It also recalls an incident.

It was in a hotel parlor. A brilliant pianist had just rendered one of Wagner's most difficult pieces and a murmur of well bred applause had followed. Then, very softly and tenderly, like a sweetly-tremulous old voice reciting pathetic memories, the ivory keys sent the plaintive melody of "My Old Kentucky Home" sighing through the room. The idle chatter ceased, every mind was busy with bitter sweet memories and the air was filled with the scent of vanished clover, the warm fragrance of new mown hay and the echo of babbling brooks. The simple tune knocked at the door of every heart and the ghosts of dead days came trooping forth in answer.

An almost forgotten poet, Robert Hinckley Messenger, quaintly wished for "old wood to burn, old books to read and old friends to talk with." He might have added: Old songs to sing and old tunes to be played in the long twilight, while he dozed and dreamed in his easy chair. It is a fact that none of the popular songs of late years survive a "May Fly's Existence." They catch the lip, but do not hold the heart for, unlike the old tunes, they have been written to catch the passing fancy—they are not birth marked with the joys and woes of the human race. So, too, is it with the old plays, and certain it is that no story—between boards, or on the boards—will ever take so lasting a hold on the American public as Harriet Beecher Stowe's unrivaled sketch of incidents during an epoch that will always mark United States history.

Music hall melodies may come and go and be forgotten, but "Home, Sweet Home," "Auntie Laurie," "The Swanee River," "Old Black Joe," and many of Stephen Foster's melodies will live as long as the English language. Neither a Handel nor Beethoven composed the Marseillaise, yet it became the battle cry of a nation. It is not to the symphony societies that the dying turn, but to the "Rock of Ages." Strauss may set the feet of dancing, Wagner tickle the brain and Mozart please the ear, but nothing can touch the heart like the old tunes.

As these old songs compare with the new ones, so does the old play "Uncle Tom's Cabin" compare with modern ones. It has survived all others and will continue to do so until the end of time. No play written has been produced more artistically nor has any one been more mercilessly butchered by hard-stomped composers.

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Primrose Minstrels Coming.

Something so far a departure as to bring fresh vitality into the function of negro minstrelsy has been accomplished by George H. Primrose, whose triumphant entry into a new field of black face comedy and pictorial effect ought to fill the Victoria theatre on Monday evening next.

Money, money, money, jingles over everything, even the expensive kind of voices employed and the costumes, scenery, huge and successful attempt in the matter of stage production and the fine polish on everything from Prim's patent leathers to the touching portraits of great men and the silk of the melody in the new tenor's tones. The feeble attempts in days gone by to lift minstrelsy out of the infelicitous despondency it reached when the old timers began to wane and disappear, was tolerably ludicrous, though well meant, and only now, after years of fumbling has one of the survivors and he is about the fittest, made a stunning base, for George Primrose and his great minstrel company are this year credited with about as exceptionally and brilliant an entertainment as could possibly be gotten together with money and brains.

Everything from the rise of the curtain on the beautiful first act until the grand finale in the closing act, are of great magnificence and of the most variety. Money has been spent in large bundles on this year's production and it is safe to assume local theatre-goers will be treated to a genuine surprise in both talent and production—in fact the name of Primrose has never been identified with anything but the best in minstrelsy, and in this year's production far surpasses himself.

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Gift Suggestions on Every Hand in Profusion at the Big Store

A Great Sale of Kid Dolls Today

Today the Toy Department is playing an important part and is continuing forward with some extra good Bargains in Dolls.

25c Dolls, today	15c
50c Dolls, today	25c
75c Dolls, today	50c
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A HEARTH RUG, eight kinds, prices run the scale at from \$1.25 to	\$7.75
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A COUCH COVER, 6 sorts, makes the old couch like new. Each \$1.25 to ..	\$5.75

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FIRE BRASSES , polished, at prices ranging up from	\$5.00
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COAL HODS , in all shapes, square and round, in brass and copper, from \$12.50 to	\$25.00

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The China Department is showing these last few days a beautiful lot of exquisite china, any piece of which would make a very acceptable and pleasing gift. This showing includes china from all the foremost manufacturers, handsome hand painted Limoges, in quaint and floral designs, Japanese china in all shapes and decorations, and withal most moderately priced.

Do Not Forget Our Glove Scrip

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Extraordinary Bargains in Furniture

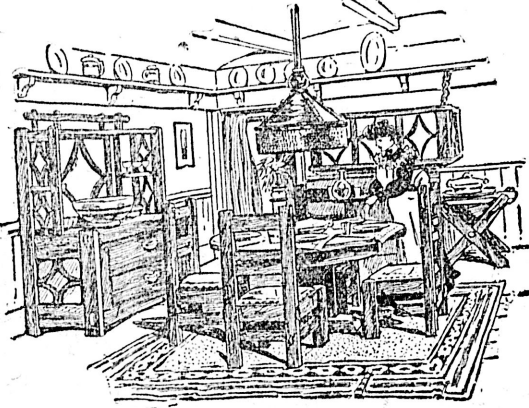
The Furniture Department swings into prominence today with some exceptional bargains in good furniture, thus allowing holiday purchasers a splendid opportunity to buy sensible, serviceable gift pieces cheap, and the bargains scheduled for today's selling will interest everybody who wishes to make a saving.

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REG. PRICES \$60.00 TO \$82.00 FOR \$45.00 TO \$64.00

These are all made of selected Ash, and very nicely finished, and comprise four pieces each, viz., one buffet, one dining table, one china closet, and one sewing table, in Early English finish, and will no doubt be snapped up quickly.

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Made of solid quarter cut oak, early

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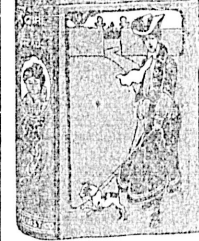
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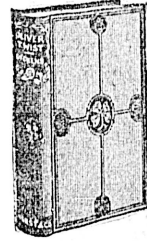
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Ladies' Belts For Christmas Gifts

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\$3.50

Neckwear For Christmas Gifts

We're showing a number of late novelties in Ladies' Neckwear, that would make very desirable Christmas Presents. Direct connections with the leading sources of supply give us quick advantage in regard to style, and fast as new things go on sale they are snapped up. For that reason we urge immediate selection if you want styles that are out of the ordinary and which must be picked up now or missed for the season. At prices ranging from

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Men's Neck Scarfs for Xmas Gifts

In all shapes and styles, and to suit every taste in plain and fancy effects. Nothing more sensible for a gift for "him" than a nice Neck Scarf, at prices ranging from

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